



Term 1 Week 9  
Friday 31 March 2017

### School Values

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence



Don't forget to download our free Skoolbag app to get all the latest news, events and much more. You can also use it to notify us of student absences or change of details.

### Diary Dates

#### Term 1

#### Week 10

**Monday 3 April –**

**3 way learning conversations**

**Tuesday 5 April -**

**Growing with Gratitude  
whole school 1:40-2:30pm**

**Thursday 6 April –**

**Table Tennis excursion  
years 4-7, 11:30 – 3:00pm**

**Friday 7 April –**

**4/5/6 Sports class to  
Parliament House**

#### Week 11

**Thursday 13 April –**

**Last day of Term 1  
Dismissal at 2:10pm**

### News from the leadership team

Where has the term gone? I can't believe we only have 2 more weeks left of first term!

We recently had the first of our Principal tours where we had 4 prospective families visiting our school. Michelle and I spoke about all the great things we have to offer and then took them on a tour of the school. They were all very impressed with what they saw and particularly impressed by our friendly and welcoming staff and students. If you know of anyone starting school next year, please come and get a school brochure and a flyer about our next tours from the front office. Let's let everyone know what a great place of learning we are! If you have a child starting school next year, please fill out an enrolment form NOW so that they can participate in our Transition to School program (4 year old program) next term.

### 3 way learning conversations

Next week we will be having our student-teacher-parent/carer learning conversations which are an important opportunity to hear first-hand how your child is progressing in terms of their learning and behaviour. I know we all get caught up in the busyness of this time of year with Easter and holidays approaching, but it is vital that you make the time to come in and speak with your child's teacher. We are aiming for 100% participation from all classes! If you cannot make one of the times provided, please contact your child's teacher to make another time.

### Harmony Day

Our Harmony Day celebrations last week saw the whole school participating in *Play is the Way* games after recess. This was followed by activities back in the classroom and then an assembly to share what we had done. It was a fantastic afternoon where the theme "Everyone Belongs" was certainly evident. It was lovely to see the many parents/carers enjoying our assembly too. Thanks to Sam and VOK for organising the afternoon's celebrations.

### Student safety in wet weather

With the wet weather approaching, please ensure you have a wet weather plan with your children so they know what to do at the end of the day if it's raining. Last week when it was raining after school we had a large number of students at the front office wanting to ring parents/carers and we simply cannot manage this. Thanks for your support.



### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before School Care: 7-8.30am,

After School Care: 3.10-6pm,

Vac Care/Pupil Free Days: 8am-6pm.

**OSHC Director:** Sarah Marshall

**OSHC bookings:** Ring 0413 917 590 or  
email [ascotoshc@gmail.com](mailto:ascotoshc@gmail.com)



## Early pick-up

School finishes at 3.10pm and it's important that students don't miss out on their learning. We understand that sometimes it is necessary for parents/carers to collect their child early if they have an appointment. If this is the case, you must go to the front office first to sign them out and collect a 'permission to leave school early' card. Teachers have been instructed that they cannot let a student leave early without a permission card form the front office. This is just another way we look after our students' safety and your support is appreciated.

### NAPLAN online 9-18 May

Last year we were lucky enough to participate in a trial for doing NAPLAN online instead of on paper – lucky, because this year we are actually doing the test online so it has given us some good practice and preparation time. The Year 3 writing test will still be on paper but all other tests will be using the computer. So that your Year 3, 5 or 7 child can practise, a public demonstration site has been set up on the NAPLAN website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

The practice tests are a chance for students to get used to the test format - they don't actually test the content. Teachers will practise with students at school but the more times they practise, the better, so it would be great if parent/carers could practise with their child at home.



## Voice of Kids Update

### Harmony Day

Thank you to VOK for helping organise Harmony Day. It was a lovely afternoon where we played games together, made paper chain dolls and all gathered for a school wide assembly. Lucas and Belle did a great job of hosting the assembly.



## KYTONS BAKERY ORDERS

This year we are also collecting orders for the award winning Kytons hot cross buns and lamingtons.

Please fill in the order form and return to the office with money by Monday 3 April in time to order your delicious hot cross buns and/or other goodies in time for delivery on Thursday 13 April. Don't forget to ask family and friends for their order!

Money raised goes toward better facilities for your children at school!

*Organised by the Ascot Park Primary School Governing Council fundraising committee*



## Recycling at APPS

VOK are also helping to organise recycling bins for all classrooms. Ms Hannah's 4/5 class had a presentation from Marion Council and thought that it would be good to get new Green Bins for all classes. We have also begun organising new paper recycling bins. Well done to all.

## Soccer

Congratulations to our boys soccer team who last week competed in the Underdale Cup. Not only did they come third in a hard fought tournament but they also represented our school admirably. Well done boys, George and Chris (the coaches), and the staff and families who supported it – a great team effort!

## Underdale High School Cup 17 March 2017

Student comments from an outstanding day .

**Zaide** writes "On Friday 17 of march we went to the Underdale Cup. We played 4 games. We won the first game drew the next and lost the third game. We qualified for the semi final. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. I found Underdale fun. "

**Dylan** writes " It was really fun because this was a really big privilege. We got to have fun playing the game we love and have a day off school. "

### **The school open boys soccer team 2017.**



**Ante** writes " On the 17 March some boys from Ascot Park went to Underdale. It was the Underdale Cup. "

**Cooper** writes " The Underdale Cup on the 17 March was fun. We all enjoyed it. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> and we were all happy with that result. We played very well but the most important thing was that we enjoyed it "

**Alex** writes " On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March the year 5,6,7s boys team went to the Underdale Cup. We competed against other schools. We got to the Semi finals. Thanks Mr. Fleetwood for training us each lunch time. "

**Lewis** writes " On the 17 March it was the Underdale Cup. We were against other schools. I was playing right wing, left wing, and striker. We got to the semi final. It was fun. "



**Braxton** thanking the team , parents who came to watch and coaches.

## **2017 EASTER RAFFLE**



Easter is nearly upon us which also brings the end of 1<sup>st</sup> term of school!

We are again running our annual Easter Raffle and are asking for donations of Easter eggs or any other item (such as ribbon, baskets or wrapping) to help us make up our gorgeous prizes.

The more donations, the more prizes to share around!

It would be greatly appreciated if each family could bring in a donation.

A collection bag for all donations will be in each classroom.

A book of tickets will go home to each family. **Tickets are \$1 each and are to be returned to the office by Tuesday 2 April for the prize draw on Wednesday 3 April.**



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Parenting after Divorce and Separation**

Separation and divorce can be a stressful and challenging time for parents and children. It can put children at risk for emotional and behavioural problems, poor academic achievement, and ongoing relationship problems. Parents also may also experience increased depression, anxiety and stress.

It is important that families have access to evidence-based preventative interventions. Researchers at the University of South Australia and The University of Queensland are developing an online intervention to support parents during this transition. They are encouraging parents to have an input into what is important to go in the program and what their needs are.

Interested parents can learn more about the study and complete a brief online survey at

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pads>



# KIP



Kids In Programs



## DISCO NIGHT



Friday 7th April

Toddlers 4:00pm - 5:15pm  
Children 5:45pm - 7:45pm

COME AND HAVE SOME FUNKY DANCE FUN!

Dance games with prizes  
Drinks and chips available to buy

\$5 for Toddlers (0-5 years)  
Carer supervision required

\$8 for Children (6-11 Years)  
Including supper

SEE YOU ON THE DANCEFLOOR!

Scout Hall  
Sixth Avenue ASCOT PARK  
JANINE 0484 333 288

### ABOUT OUR KIP MUMS

We are a few Mum's that are running monthly programs called, Kids In programs (Insurance Title) as we are aware that there are not many activities in our area for our children.

They are programs put together with the intention to enhance our children's social skills, learning, development and of course to have some fun.

The first Friday of each month during school terms, a different programs will run and information via social media / flyer and phone will be available. There will be a basic cost involved to help cover the costs such as hall hire, insurance, food etc

It is a safe, fun environment for all and we are running these programs for both individual and community development.

Two of the mum's in the 6 - 11 age group are qualified youth workers and the 0 - 5 age group is run by a Playgroup Co-ordinator. All mum's volunteering must have a current police check!

For further enquires please contact:

Sonia on 0421 924 509 (0-5 years)

Janine on 0484 333 288 (6-11 years)

Let's get them away from the screens for fresh interaction!

Can't wait to see you there!!