



Term 3, Week 2
Friday 4 August 2017

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👍 School Values 👍

Respect Responsibility Excellence

Welcome to Term 3. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and that you were able to spend some quality time with your family.



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.

Please make sure you read the calendar to see what's happening in and around school this term. If there is anything that requires payment eg excursions and camps, please speak to Andrea in the front office if you need to set up a payment plan. It's important that every student is able to participate in all activities offered as they are an essential part of the learning.

📖 Diary Dates 📖

Term 3

Week 3

Tuesday 8 August –

Governing School Council meeting at 7:00pm

Thursday 10 August –

Principal Tour @ 9:30am

Friday 11 August –

Parent Workshop @ 9:30am

Week 4

Monday 14 – Friday 18 August -

Science Week "Future Earth"

Wednesday 16 August –

School Assembly – Jaimy's class

Please note, we have a pupil free day on Friday 1 Sept and a school closure day on Monday 4 Sept. These days coincide with the Royal Adelaide Show so that families may go to the show if they wish. OSHC may be open, depending on numbers.

Last term we celebrated NAIDOC week which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We had a flag raising ceremony on the Monday which was attended by Annabel Diagance MP and Jayne Stinson (Labor for Badcoe) and then had lots of activities during the week, finishing with an animal dress-up day.



NED Show

This week our school hosted the NED Show which is a special assembly based around the ideas of **Never Giving Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best**. The assembly was really fun and very interactive.



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before School Care: 7:30-8.30am

After School Care: 3.10-6pm

Pupil Free Days: 7.30am-6pm

OSHC bookings: Ring 0413 917 590

or email ascotoshc@gmail.com



Parent Breakfast Club

On the last Wednesday of Term 2 we hosted a parent breakfast club event. We were pleased to meet many parents and our school captains and volunteers enjoyed helping serve pancakes and coffee!

Thanks to Renae White for coming to represent Governing Council and take feedback from parents about what they would like to see happening around our school.



Welcome to our new student social worker

This semester we welcome Fiona from Flinders University to our school. Fiona is studying Social Work and will be at Ascot Park working with all teachers and students from Monday to Thursday until the end of the year. She has already met many students and helped with setting up for events, working in small groups and supporting staff to make our job easier. Please make her feel welcome if you see her in the yard!



Canteen News

Hi everyone, Welcome back to Term 3! Hope your holidays were both happy and restful. As you probably know there is a new menu out. Friday Specials are back and don't forget to check out the new Party Platters available. Hot soup and hot chocolates are still a favourite winter warmer, so don't forget to order one!

Bye for now from us all at the Canteen! 😊

Play Is The Way Awards

Congratulations to our award winners for our Play is the Way certificates.

This list includes some winners from last term



who were not included in recent newsletters.

Golden Rule (Term 2) winners are:

- Dominic (Reception)
- Harry (Year 3)
- Austin (Year 1)
- Noa (Year 4)

Be Brave: Participate to Progress (T2) winners are:

- James (Reception)
- Logan (Year 5)
- Skipper (Year 4)
- Mohammed (Year 7)

Have Reasons for Things You Say & Do (Term 3) winners are:

- Mikaela (Year 1)
- Pristha (Year 6)
- Zaide (Year 6)
- Janet (Year 3)
- Queenstar (Year 4)
- Paige (Reception)

All students who receive a certificate will have their name included on the Play is the Way Honour Board next to Ms Hibell's and Mr Kennedy's offices

KidsMatter Update

This year one of the objectives of our school's action plan has been focusing on **improving the wellbeing of students** because if kids are happy and feeling safe, they will improve their learning! This is the key philosophy of the **KidsMatter framework** which our school is working through.

You may have noticed some signs around the school which say **'Welcome'** in many different languages. We want to have all languages from our school community represented on this poster so if you have a chance, take a look at this and provide some feedback to your child's class teacher. We want to make sure everyone is included at Ascot Park School!

This term we are working on component 2 which is around the **social and emotional support for children**. The following pages are information about how you can help your children build **friendship skills** to improve their happiness, mental health and ultimately life achievements.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are officially into the last month to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge.



The goal is to read and record 12 books from the start of the year to the end of August. Many students have been reading

all year and are on their way to completing the challenge.

When your form has been completed, give it to Mrs Martin in the library and your name will be added to our PRC achievement wall.

If you haven't finished yet, you have until the 31st August to complete the form.

Medals will be delivered to the school in term 4.

Come and learn how to support your child with their reading...

Parent Reading Workshop Reception to Year 3



Friday 11th August 2017

9:00-10:00am in the Library



Come and find out:

- All about take home readers
- What sight words are and how to practise them
- How your child learns to read at school
- How you can help your child at home

Morning tea provided

Please fill in the tear-off slip and return to your child's teacher if you would like to come.

Yes I would like to come to the reading workshop.

Child's name: _____ Parent(s)/Caregivers name: _____



Friendship skills: Suggestions for families

The following suggestions may be helpful

Make time to play too

Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities

Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

Invite children for play dates

Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

Child says...

"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."

"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"

"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."

"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"

Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends

Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

Encourage positive, relevant strategies

Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

Take a problem-solving approach

Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

Parent/carer asks...

"Why do you think she is being so mean?"

"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"

"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"

Affirms: "That sounds like a great idea to me."

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au



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ASCOT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 TERM 3

WEEK		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 24 July					Aust Maths Competition	Class newsletters/term overviews sent home	
2 31 July	Parent-teacher interviews			2.00pm Assembly - NED Show		Newsletter	
3 7 Aug			Governing Council		9am Principal's Tour	9.30am Parent workshop (reading) Michelle/Sasha	
4 14 Aug	Science Week <i>Future Earth</i>	Little Athletics visit		2.30pm Assembly		Newsletter	
5 21 Aug	Book Week <i>Escape to Everywhere</i> NAPLAN online school readiness test			District Athletics Day	2.30pm Assembly		Sat 26 Family Fun night (Gov Council)
6 28 Aug	NAPLAN online school readiness test		Life Education van Festival of Music rehearsal (Woodville)	Life Education van	Newsletter	Pupil Free Day 1-10 Sept Royal Adelaide Show	Sun 3 Sept Father's Day
7 4 Sept		School Closure		Yr 6/7 boxing incursion		Premier's Reading Challenge finishes	
8 11 Sept			Governing Council	2.30pm Assembly	Festival of Music rehearsal (Ent Centre)	Newsletter	Sun 17 Sept 2.30pm Festival of Music (Entertainment Centre)
9 18 Sept	Parents in Education Week				4.30-6.30pm Specialist Sport Trials	Gymnastics SA Schools Challenge	
10 25 Sept			4.20-6.00pm Specialist Sport Trials	2.30pm Assembly		Newsletter Early Dismissal 2.10pm	