



Term 1 Week 7
15 March 2019

ASCOT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

R-7 SPECIALIST PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT SCHOOL

Principal: Julie Hibell, Deputy Principal: Sam Kennedy

School Values

Respect • Responsibility • Excellence



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Diary Dates

TERM 1

March

- 19 Governing Council meeting 7pm
- 20 Harmony Day assembly 2.20pm
- 21 Year 6/7 leaders conference
- 25 3-way learning discussions begin
- 26 School photos
- 27 Year 6/7 - Hamilton Taster Program
- 28 NAPLAN Online practice test

April

- 2 Autism Awareness Week
- 11 Year 6/7 - Hamilton Taster Program
- 12 Sports Day

Last day of school term
Early dismissal at 2:10pm



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before School Care: 7:00-8.30am

After School Care: 3.10-6pm

Pupil Free Days: 7.00am-6pm

OSHC bookings: Ring 0413 917 590

or email ascotoshc@gmail.com

Congratulations

We extend a big congratulations to Sam Kennedy and his wife Tammy on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Agatha (Aggie) Kennedy. Sam will be taking leave for the rest of the term and Michelle James-Martin will step into the Deputy role. Erin Simmons will teach full time in LS10 while Megan Jane will teach Performing Arts.



External School Review

As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review panel in week 10 on **Tuesday 3** and **Wednesday 4 April**. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools are externally reviewed every 3 years with a focus on evaluating our school's performance.

The review panel which includes a review officer and a trained review principal, will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future. During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate everyone's support and time in helping us with this external school review process. If however, you **do not** want your child to participate please let your child's teacher know or if you would like more information please contact a member of the leadership team.

Homework v Home Learning

Staff and Governing Council have been working hard over the last 6 months to update our new homework policy. There have been lots of robust discussions as there is so much divided opinion over the benefits of regular homework. At Ascot Park we believe there is no benefit of setting homework for homework's sake and so we have developed home learning guidelines and ideas for you to use with your child. Please read the brochure sent home with this newsletter and if you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.



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Keeping Safe:



Child Protection Curriculum



The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum framework is mandated to be taught at schools in South Australia to help students recognise abuse, talk to trusted adults and understand ways to keep themselves safe.

Class teachers will run a session each week with their class to go through this important curriculum.

Themes

The curriculum is based on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities.

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus Areas

The two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

1. The right to be safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective strategies.

More information can be found on the KS website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>

Attached is a document which provides information to parents and carers.

If you have any questions, please contact school leadership or class teachers.

Positive parenting workshops

Thanks to those parents who attended the 3 information sessions about the power of positive parenting and raising confident and resilient children. Feedback indicated that these sessions were extremely useful so please keep an eye out for future dates next year.



We will celebrate Harmony Day at Ascot Park on **Wednesday 20 March**.

Harmony Day celebrates cultural diversity in Australia. It is about including and respecting everyone.

We celebrate this day by giving students an option to **dress in orange on Wednesday**. They can wear an orange t-shirt or shorts, a ribbon or wrist band, or even a pair of socks! Any touch of orange will do.

Students will be learning about cultural diversity over the next week. We will hold an assembly on Wednesday at 2.20pm to share our Harmony Day learning. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Hello everyone,

I trust you are enjoying the cooler weather ☺

Just a quick reminder about MarionLife Youth on Friday nights - Firstly, it is great to see so many of you using the bus service and enjoying the programs that run. If you have any enquiries about this service or would like to know more please just come and see me.

There has been a change to my office hours and the PCW office is now open 3.00pm - 3.30pm Thursdays and Fridays. If however, you need to see my outside of these times then please just ring the school and we can make an appointment.

The Schools Ministry Group's (SMG) Easter Presentation is drawing near so please remember to sign the permission slip when it is sent home. If it is not signed then your child cannot attend. This presentation looks at the Christina meaning of Easter. It is also jam packed with creative storytelling, exciting media, and all - inclusive Easter activities!! It will be a true Easter Adventure.

Don't forget the Monday lunchtime activities in the gym!! All run by MarionLife. Come and have some lunchtime fun.

Until next time, stay safe.
Janine Lambert (PCW)

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone for going with the new way we advertise the Friday Specials.

The weekly special is now advertised on classroom communication notices, such as Dojo and SeeSaw.

You will also see a flyer of the Friday weekly special on each of the classroom doors.

It is also in the fortnightly newsletter and will be uploaded onto the skoolbag app.

So keep an eye out for the yummy specials to come. 😊

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please come and see me.

Janine Lambert (Canteen Manager)

RAA – Yellow LED Bike Light

RAA would like to make parents aware of an issue with the free yellow bike lights provided to students in Years 4 to 6 as part of its Street Smart Primary education program.



What are the hazards?

The battery compartment of the light is not adequately secured and the lithium button batteries in the product are easily accessible. The batteries may pose a choking hazard to young children, and if ingested could cause internal burn injuries or serious illness.

What should parents do?

Parents can either dispose of the bike light appropriately, or return it to the school where RAA will arrange collection and disposal. The batteries could also be taken to Aldi supermarkets for free recycling.

For further information, please contact David Fairlie at RAA on 82028214

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN DAY



20 March 2019

DAY

Come and see the school in action on a Principal's tour at 9.30-10.30am or 11.30-12.30pm.

EVENING

6pm Principal's welcome, followed by college tours from 6.15-8pm. (Final tour commences at 7pm).

Principal's tours are available the first Tuesday of each month. Please check our website for details.

Principal Mrs Peta Kourbelis, Deputy Principal Ms Annette Ryan.

Friday, 15th March 2019 is *National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence*

At school we will acknowledge this day by completing activities in class that make students aware of what bullying is and what they can do about it.

We will also take feedback from all students about how they feel at school and if they need any help, especially in regards to bullying.

Later this term members of the South Australian Police (SAPOL) will attend school to talk about the dangers of bullying with all classes.

Ascot Park Primary School has a Zero Tolerance towards bullying.

You can help share this message by talking about bullying with your child. The following resources are a good starting point for discussions.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying>

If you would like more information about the schools Anti-Bully policy please discuss with class teachers or school leadership.

