PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At Ashmore State School we continually focus on a high performance approach to education, not only in academics but in the creative, social, sporting and emotional aspects. This requires our teachers to ensure that every child sets authentic goals linked to their learning needs and that students receive regular feedback on their progress in achieving these goals. Your child has their own Personal Improvement Plan (PIP). If you haven’t discussed this with your child I strongly encourage you to do so thus becoming a partner in your child’s education.

Recently I shared with our staff an article that focuses on high performance teaching and high performance learning. One section is entitled, “What do high performance learners look like?” The article states that such students are Knowledge Workers who become lifelong learners, have a sense of self-worth and optimism about their lives and make a leading contribution to society. High performance learners are also Future Leaders who act with moral and ethical integrity, work for the common good and are responsible global and local citizens. Finally high performance learners are Innovators. They take initiative, welcome opportunities,
demonstrate capacity for innovative thinking and are well placed to enjoy future success. So as we work to continually create a learning environment that nurtures these characteristics we can achieve much more if our community works with us and models similar behaviours to our children because after all, parents are the main educators in children’s’ lives.

With this in mind our Yr. 6 Leadership Camp took place this week at Runaway Bay Sports Centre. This was an opportunity for our aspiring school leaders for 2014 to demonstrate the above characteristics to their supervising teachers and their peers whilst at the same time all Yr. 6 had the opportunity to have fun and develop their leadership and risk taking skills. Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mr Hawkins, Mr Ellis, Mrs Stone-Schmidt and Ms Fry who attended the camp and were on duty for 3 days and 2 nights to ensure the wellbeing of our students. And thank you to those teachers who supervised students who did not attend the camp and who covered additional playground duties at school. The next phase in the election of school leaders is the presentation of speeches. I look forward to hearing the opinions and reflections of these fine young students.

**Happy Tuckshop Day**

This week we celebrated the hard work and dedication of our tuckshop workers. Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life. Encouraging students to say please and thank you every time they are served at the tuckshop is important. Just as important is for us, as a school community, to honour the work that goes on behind the scenes in preparing the food and keeping the tuckshop well-stocked. To Mrs Kerry Trost and her many helpers, I send a special thank you for the valuable role you play in our school.

![](image)

**Thought for the Fortnight:**

We should aim for our children to be good people, and to live ethical lives that manifest concern for others as well as for themselves. *Peter Singer Australian philosopher*

*MARGARET JAMES*

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-LEIGH JOSEY**

**Intention to Not Return to Ashmore State School in 2014**

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It is that time of year when we begin considering class composition for 2014. To enable us to do this efficiently we need parent and carer assistance. A note was sent home to all families this week, asking for you to let us know if your child or children are not returning to Ashmore next year. This information is invaluable to us in allocating students to classes and ensuring we have the correct number of staff in place to cater for enrolments. Please return this note to the office by next Friday (8th November). Thanks for your assistance with this.

Classes for 2014

If you have educational reasons why your son or daughter would benefit from a particular teaching style in 2014 (to maximize their learning outcomes), please write a letter addressed to either Amanda Fry or myself. Please include the reasons for your request.

Leigh Josey
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-AMANDA FRY

“ASHMORE GOES TO THE MOVIES”

Just a reminder of our upcoming Cultural Evenings taking place next week. Years Prep, 2, 4 and 6 will be performing on Thursday 7 November. Years 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be performing on Friday 8. Under the theme “Ashmore Goes to the Movies” each year level will be performing on stage. Incorporating music, song and dance as well as costuming and props, each year level has selected a “Movie” themed item to showcase their talents for their families and friends. Our Parents and Citizens committee will be providing movie themed drinks and snacks for purchase on the night.

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER- MRS PETA DONOGHUE

Hiring

We have some spare spaces for hire at the school if there are any companies interested. We have the dance room, activities room, conference room and hall for hire at different times. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please get them to give either myself or Brigitte Blakeway a call.
We now have YOGA and ZUMBA using our facilities and they offer great rates to our community. YOGA is holding special classes on each Tuesday morning from 7am-8am. This is a great way to start the day on a calm note!

**Excursion Payments**

Just a reminder that every excursion or school event that requires a payment to be made will have a set ‘DUE DATE’ that must be adhered to. If you have difficulties prior to the ‘DUE DATE’ making a payment, please do not hesitate to come and see me or someone in Admin to make other arrangements. We will NOT be accepting any late payments after ‘DUE DATES’. If you pay over the internet please ensure that you make the payment 3 days prior to the due date to ensure that it clears in the schools bank account. Thank you for your cooperating in this matter.

**Messages for your children**

As stated in previous newsletters, it can be extremely difficult to give students personal messages from parents during the school day, so to alleviate this issue we have a cut off time of 2pm each day for the receipt of messages. If you require a message to be given to your child you will need to ensure that you phone the office prior to this time? Could you please advise your child of after school pick up times and locations prior to dropping them off at school as this seems to be the most common messages. If you contact the office after this time we will not be able to assist unless it is an emergency.

**Newsletter**

If you are not currently receiving our fortnightly newsletter please give your email address to our office staff.

Many Thanks,

Pete

Business Services Manager

**BANKING DETAILS**

You may wish to print these details for easy reference throughout 2013.


**GUIDANCE OFFICER- CARLA LOGHNANE**

**Early Sibling Relationships Influence Adult Behaviour**
The relationship we have with our siblings has a considerable influence on our social and emotional development as adults. Siblings are closer to the social environments that children find themselves in during the majority of their day. It is important for older siblings to be encouraged to befriend, and be a good role model for their younger siblings.

Parents teach skills, model and supervise appropriate behaviour, but siblings can be better role models of more informal behaviours – how to act at school or on the street, or, most important, how to act cool around friends. Siblings are “agents of socialization”. For example, a female teen is at higher risk for getting pregnant if her older sister was a teenage mother. In order to maximize an older sibling’s positive influence, one of the most important things parents can do is to help foster a supportive relationship between the siblings from the very beginning. If kids start off their relationship with a sibling on a positive note, it’s more likely to continue positively over time. It’s not all that important whether you’re spaced closer together or farther apart, or if you have a brother or a sister.

It’s important for parents to encourage siblings to be engaged with one another and develop a relationship where there is mutual respect, cooperation and the ability to manage problems. Parents who have children who are spaced closely together in age may not see much of a need to have children over to play once a week because their children are already having significant social experiences within the family unit.

Not all of the implications of sibling influence are known, but research shows that growing up in a family where there is another child makes it a very different environment socially, cognitively and emotionally. Children learn things through growing up with other children in the house, just as they learn things growing up in a more adult-oriented environment if they’re a single child.

TIPS (Tools to Increase Parenting Skills)

Carla Loughnane
Guidance Officer

STLaN( Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) - ROBYN MARTIN

*During term 4, the Literacy Link It! program continues to focus on developing reading comprehension (reading for meaning). There will also be an added component of writing introduced during Link It! …reading and writing go hand in hand. See below for list of ideas to support your child.*

Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings. This is an important first step and should be encouraged. Support your child to read their writing aloud. Create somewhere to store and display their writing. Use your child’s experiences to create links between talking, writing and reading. Here are some steps to follow:

- Ask your child to talk about an experience or something that interests them.
- Ask your child what part of the conversation they would like you to write.
- As your child is talking, write down their ideas.
- Use the child’s language.
- Ask your child to read back the writing.
- Your child may want to draw a picture or create something to match the writing.

*Please see the attached link to a useful article entitled ‘Writing Activities for Young Readers.’* It includes suggested writing activities that you could do at home with your children to support their reading and writing link.

‘Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.’ (Emilie Buchwald)

**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW**

### RESOURCE CENTRE

**Book Club**

Book Club orders must be handed into the Resource Centre before 3pm, Tuesday 5th November. This is the last issue for 2013. There are some great buys available for Christmas. We are no longer able to accept cash and payments can be made online or by phone.

**Which Book?**

If you’re ever feeling uncertain about selecting books for children (or yourself for that matter) there are some good resources to access online. [Goodreads](http://www.goodreads.com) is an excellent place to start. When you search for children’s books, they are also listed according to genres and ages. Each book has an accompanying synopsis with reader’s reviews. Links are also available to find out where to purchase specific books.
Commonsense Media, Teachers First The Guardian and Parent and Child are also great sites to find suitable books.

New Resources

Every week we have new books available for borrowing. Check out the “New Books” stand in the Resource Centre.

Quote for the week

“So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall.”

— Roald Dahl

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

On Saturday 9th November a program called Tag the City will be run in several schools across the Gold Coast. TAG stands for timeless acts of generosity, a program organized by Juice 107.3, Scripture Union Queensland Chaplains and Just Motivation. A free car wash will be held in the staff carpark and volunteers are needed to help from 8a.m. to midday. To help on the day you must register as soon as possible at tagthecity.org.au. Registration will cost $10 and you will receive a bright orange Tshirt to wear on the day, a fast food voucher and morning tea, as well as the great experience of doing something for others. All ages from 10 to 80 are accepted. For any enquiries, please phone me on 0423 268 456.

A very wise quote: “You can’t change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.”

Marg Potter - Chaplain

P & C NEWS

P&C MEETING - The next P&C meeting of this year will be held on Monday November 18 at 6.15pm in the Conference Room at the Carmichael Centre. We are offering a change in time to give working parents the opportunity to come along, your input will be much appreciated.

PREP TEA TOWELS – Spares available in tuckshop - $12.00 each.

2014 BOOKLISTS – Delivery: As we have no space for storage, the Bookpacks must be picked up from the Hall on:

Monday 25 November
10.00am to 11.00, then 2.00 to 3.30pm

Tuesday 26 November

8.30am to 11.00, then 2.00 to 3.30pm

If you cannot make those times, please arrange for another parent to collect your pack with a note of authorisation to pick up. Thank you!

If you missed this order, you can prepay for a Full Pack either in the tuckshop or on Flexischools. Delivery will be on Jan 23 & 24, 8.00am till 12.00.

**LOST PROPERTY** – Lost Property is now being held in the storage shelves in the Disabled Toilets – you can call into the office and collect the key anytime and have a look – or a member of the P&C will be there each Thursday morning from 8.30 – 9.00am.

*Ashmore P&C*

[pandc@ashmoress.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@ashmoress.eq.edu.au)

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK... END OF OCTOBER

Swimming Carnival– 27 November

Ashmore Preparing for Swimming Carnival

- The annual Ashmore Swimming Carnival has been booked for City Pools Nerang on 27 November. The carnival is for Year 4-7 and will take the place of a regular school day. The information hand-out has been given to your child. The cost for the day is $8.50 which includes entry to the pool and transportation by bus. Payment due date is 22 November. If you have any questions, please refer to the handout, print a copy off the school website, or email Mr Ellis at relli129@eq.edu.au.

![Swimming Carnival](image)

National Touch Football Championships – Darwin, during Week 2

Jade and Keoni are National Champions!

- Congratulations to Jade K (7A) and Keoni N-B (7B). Both athletes represented Queensland at the National Touch Football Championships in the Girls(Jade) and Boys(Keoni) U-12 Division.
- Further highlighting their trip was a win over New South Wales in both Championship Finals.
- Ashmore State School is proud of your achievements – Way to go!

State Track and Field – Brisbane, 15/16 October

Chloe and Cody Represent Ashmore at Athletics State Championships

- Congratulations to Chloe G (7B) and Cody H (7C) for representing Ashmore State School and the South Coast Region in the State Track & Field Championships Oct 15/16.
- Chloe achieved a personal best throw of 10.39 metres and finished 5th place in Shot Put.
- Cody placed first amongst all South Coast competitors and 18 overall in the 200m.
- Well done Chloe and Cody!

Intra-school Sports Program – Weeks 4, 5, & 6

Ashmore Intra-school Sports Continues in Term 4

- Year 4-7 students are participating in Intra-school Sports. House teams compete for the championship in the following activities: t-ball, kickball, kick & catch, and dodge ball. The competition runs on Monday afternoons with a focus on fair play and having fun while respecting team mates, opponents, and
umpires. Results will be posted at the conclusion of the competition in Term 4. Post competition awards will go to the Most Sportsmanlike House team and Best & Fairest students.

**Sport Assembly – 10 December, 11:45-1:00**

**Sport Assembly During Last Week of Term 4**

- The Ashmore State School Sport Assembly will take place in the Hall on Tuesday, 10th December.

**Fitter – Faster - Stronger (a.k.a. Running Club) -** 8:00am to 8:30am, 5 days a week

- Fitter-Faster-Stronger still welcoming new members
- Students from all grades and their parents are welcome to attend. Teachers are welcome, too! Bring a change of clothes if you wish. There is no cost associated with the program.


Please contact Mr Ellis (PE/Sport Teacher) if you have any questions about any of the Sport information.

relli129@eq.edu.au

**BASKETBALL COMPETITION**

Term 4 saw the inaugural inter-house lunchtime basketball competition launched. The senior school was a buzz of excitement as whispers filtered through who was going to be crowned champion. Currumburra was toted favourites. Warrawee and Cotlew took up the challenge and went out to prove that they were not to be taken lightly. Finals day saw mother nature take a turn for the worst with the finals having to be postponed to the next school day. Currumburra and Yangoora fought it out for the minor placings with Currumburra coming away victorious with a 8-4 win. Cotlew and Warrawee took on the cup final in a physical but fair match. Aidan and Hayden were stand outs for Cotlew but the mighty giants of Warrawee were too strong with Awamaria having an outstanding game shooting 6 points, whilst Blake was on fire with his defence. Warrawee came away with the win 10-2. Well done to all players that stood up and represented their house.

1st Warrawee
MUSIC NEWS

2nd Cotlew
3rd Currumburra
4th Yangoora

Ashmore State School was a participant in Music Count Us In 2013!

On Thursday of this week, the whole school was involved in a performance of the song ‘Keep On’ at 12:30pm – 1pm in the hall. Bob La Castra was our lead vocalist for the event and it was great to have him there as a representative from our community.

Congratulations to all choir students, instrumentalists and all children from Prep to Year 7 for their spectacular singing!

It was a wonderful event. Also, thank you to the parents and friends who attended on the day to support the students by listening, singing along and sharing lunch at the commencement of the event. Now, we are already counting down for Music Count Us In 2014!

COMPUTER LAB OPEN FROM 8.15AM

Just a reminder that the computer room is open for “Mathletics” and and “The Workshop” every day of the week, before school from 8:15am and after eating in the second break.

If anyone has any old timber skateboards for “The Workshop ” they would like to donate to the school for the children to repair and restore, I will gladly take them off their hands .

Thank you

Mr Dart
KIDS MATTER BUZZ- WHAT IS THIS?

Kids Matter is a flexible, whole-school approach (“a framework”) to children’s mental health and wellbeing. It works as an umbrella under which Ashmore State School’s existing programs can comfortably fit (eg. clubs, Grandparents Day, Breakfast Club). Kids Matter provides insight, information and educational tools and support to assist our school, including students, staff, parents, and carers and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

HOMESTAY

Do you have a spare room in your home? Could you offer Homestay to an International student?

The Gold Coast Student Accommodation Centre is an accommodation service available to education providers and International students on the Gold Coast. We are currently seeking hosts for students in the Ashmore area. This can be a great cultural experience for the whole family with generous remuneration.

For more information, please call us on 5527 8688, email: info@gcsac.com.au or visit the website www.gcsac.com.au
ASHMORE BMX CLUB

Ashmore BMX Club is holding a Sign on Day on 24.10.13 from 11am to get information about the club and the sport of BMX. All ages welcome and we will be providing a free sausage sizzle on the day & we have our last day of racing for the year to watch.

Address: Currumburra Rd, Ashmore

Ashmorebmx.com.au | facebook.com/ashmorebmx

info@ashmorebmx.com.au

REPTILE ENCLOSURES REQUIRED

If anyone has any reptile enclosures or accessories in good condition could you please text Brigitte on 0414548364

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