FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Recently I shared with you the opportunities being offered to our students through our Gifted and Talented programs which are conducted outside normal school hours. The term ‘Gifted and Talented’ at our school is used to describe programs that enable students to further develop a talent or deep interest they have in a particular area so that the interest becomes a gift that assists students to reach their fullest potential.

Traditional education is often viewed as preparing students for employment however because of the speed of change in the 21st century we don’t necessarily know what employment will look like in the future as many of the jobs haven’t been invented yet. This is a fact that educators regularly need to consider when planning learning opportunities to meet the needs of the individual.

At our school we want our students to be creative and innovative. We want them to be ethical and socially responsible and we want them to have a passion for learning and a love of life. To achieve this we often need to
move outside the mandated curriculum and provide opportunities for students to develop such skills and attitudes. One only has to step in to our classrooms and you will see students engaged in discussion and activities where they share opinions, provide feedback to each other, explore and experiment. This is true education and I am proud to be part of it.

Our Parent Education Tuesday (PET) provides you with skills and information about how you can help your child at home in our quest to ensure our students receive the best possible education. Please check the times of these sessions, which are displayed on classroom doors. We look forward to seeing you there.

On another note, Ms. Fry is currently on long service leave. In her absence Mrs. Sharie Callum is the Deputy Principal for Stage C (yrs. 5&6). Mrs. Callum brings a breadth of experience to the role and we warmly welcome her to our school.

Upon Ms. Fry’s return, I will be taking long service leave from Monday 16 March for 7 weeks, which includes the Easter break. Hence I am taking this opportunity to wish you a very happy and safe Easter. Mr. Phil McLucas will be the Principal of Ashmore during that time however there will be a short ‘hand over’ period when Mrs. Josey and Ms. Fry will act in the role for up to two weeks. Mr. McLucas is an experienced principal and he is looking forward to spending time with us.

**Thought for the fortnight:** "Do just once what others say you cannot do and you will never pay attention to their limits again". Captain James Cook

Margaret James

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY**

**TWO DAYS OF NOTE**

Our school’s EATSIPS (Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Schools) Action Team will be highlighting two days of significance in Week 8 of this term (16 – 20 March):

**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will especially celebrate this day embracing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Please take a look at the link below, to learn more about this day.


**National Close the Gap Day**
This day on the 19 March aims to build an awareness in all Australians of the gap in health, between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and non-Indigenous Australians. The gap is evident when we acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians can expect to live 10 - 17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians. Please visit the following site below for more information.


**Date Claimer – Prep Easter Hat Parade**

**When** – Last day of term (Thursday 2 April)

**Time** – 9:15 am

**What** – Prep students will be wearing hats and/or other adornments made at school, suggestive of Easter. They will parade around the school beginning at Prep. Prep students will then parade past the tuckshop, through the Mall, between E and F Block and on to the hall. They will then sing a few Easter songs together.

You are welcome to come and join us.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- AMANDA FRY**

Data - its collection, analysis and use plays a vital role in guiding the future direction of classroom teaching and learning and students’ Personal Improvement Plans (PIPs). This year to date, all students years 2 – 6 have completed diagnostic testing in Maths, Science and English. This data is then collated on a class basis and compared to the same diagnostic test data from September 2014. This allows the teachers to be able to measure growth and analyse trends over the last 6 months. This data comparison also gives the teachers an insight into strengths and needs across their class, year level and stage. Shortly teachers will meet as a year level to analyse their data and make plans for future teaching and learning actions.

Other diagnostic tools will be utilised later in the semester including ‘Words Their Way’ data and Reading Levels.

Congratulations to the following students who will be our sound room team for 2015 – Angela K (leader), William F, Dylan R, Amy B, Hannah P, Tia S (reserve). We appreciate the work these students do and giving up their play time to ensure that our assemblies run smoothly. Thank you to all the students who volunteered for the positions.

Our two Dance Companies are finalised for 2015. As explained in a previous newsletter, 2015 sees a move away from the maximum participation model of the past into a more competitive type model in keeping with our altruist goal of a Dance Excellence Program. A big thank you to the dozens and dozens and dozens who auditioned.

Congratulations to –
Senior Dance Company (Lessons Monday 8:00)


Junior Dance Company (Lessons Thursday 11:00)


Parents of these students will be advised of the requirements of Dance 2015 very shortly.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- KAREN GRAVENDYK

Stage B NEWS

WALT, WILF & TIB

Your children may be coming home and talking about WALT, WILF & TIB. These acronyms stand for:

- We are learning to…….
- What I’m looking for…….
- This is because…….

Teachers use these prompts to introduce a lesson so students have a very clear understanding of the lesson’s purpose and the explicit steps on how to be successful in the lesson.

An example:

WALT – Retell a narrative.

WILF – Recall the main characters, setting and main events in order.

TIB - Improve your comprehension and understanding when reading texts or viewing digital media (e.g. TV / movies).

Year 2 Incursion

The children in YEAR 2 will be having an author visit them on Monday the 16 March 2015.

Kim Michelle Toft is a well-known children’s author based at Byron Bay. She uses silk painting as the basis for illustrating her books. Kim will be presenting a one hour informative session explaining how she creates her delightful picture books to inspire our children with their creative writing skills. The presentation will take place in the school hall.

The cost of the show is $6.50. Please complete the permission slip advising of payment option and return to the school office payment window by 9:15am on or before Friday 13 March, 2015.
Year 4 Tallebudgera Day Excursion

Year 4 students have the opportunity to attend the Tallebudgera Beach School Two Day Adventure. Students will participate in kayaking, bushwalking, surf awareness, bodyboarding and team challenges.

4A, 4B and 4E will attend the excursion on Monday the 30th of March and Tuesday the 31st of March. 4C and 4D will attend the excursion on Wednesday the 1st of April and Thursday the 2nd of April.

All information and permission notes can be located on the school’s website.

Karen Gravendyk

GUIDANCE OFFICER – KAREN DAVIS

“My child needs support, but I’m not sure who to go to.”

Sometimes children struggle with learning or behaviour and need a little bit of extra help. But it can be hard to decide where to go to access the right kind of support. So, here’s a quick guide to some of the services that are available to children who struggle developmentally:

**General Practitioners** are doctors who provide general care for patients of all ages, from infants to adults. They also provide referral services to specialist medical personnel.

**Paediatricians** are doctors who provide specialist medical care to children and adolescents. Just search for “Gold Coast Paediatricians” to find a list of doctors in the area. Alternately contact Gold Coast University Hospital Paediatrics on 5687 4157. You will need a GP referral to see paediatricians – whether privately or through the hospital child health system.

**Speech Language Pathologists** specialise in the evaluation and treatment of communication disorders, such as disorders of speech, voice, language, fluency, articulation, swallowing and pragmatics. Some SLP services may be covered through Medicare if referred by a GP or paediatrician. Schools are able to offer limited SLP services. Speak to your child’s teacher for further information.

**Hearing assessments** can be done through an Audiologist, or contact 5687 9183 for your nearest Community Child Health Centre. Child Health Nurses offer a free screening service. Speak to your child’s teacher for further information.

**Occupational Therapists** can evaluate children’s skills for playing, school performance and daily activities and compare them with what is developmentally appropriate for that age group. This includes evaluation of fine motor skills (such as
writing, using scissors, managing buttons), visual perceptual skills (such as letter/number reversals), and memory skills (motor, auditory, visual and sequential). Some occupational therapy services may be covered through Medicare if referred by a GP or paediatrician. School-based OT services are available only to students with a disability which has been verified through the Education Adjustment Program.

**Physiotherapists** assess children’s strength and coordination, gross and fine motor development, posture and balance, and function of movement. Some physiotherapy services may be covered through Medicare if referred by a GP or paediatrician.

School-based physiotherapy services are available only to students with a physical disability which has been verified through the Education Adjustment Program.

**Psychologists** diagnose learning and developmental difficulties, work with families to manage behavioural issues, administered psychological tests and offer counselling. Some psychology services may be covered through Medicare if referred by a GP or paediatrician. School-based guidance services can provide some support in this area. Contact the school for further information.

**Defence Community Organisation** provides a range of services and resources for Defence children, to smooth the transition between schools and education systems when families move, and to provide support for the unique needs of Defence students. Contact the school for further information.

**RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Book Club**

Everyone should now have their new Book Club ordering form. You will have noticed the flyer has been condensed and now all the books available for purchase are in one simple booklet. Ordering for Book Club has also been simplified. LOOP is the new Linked Online Ordering and Payment system.

All orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom HOWEVER if you order after this time you will have to pay an additional $4.99 per order for your books to be delivered to your home. Please keep in mind all orders for Book Club will close 13th March. This new process has eliminated the return of paper order forms and payment receipt details to school.

**Library Borrowing**

Don’t forget everyone must have a library bag to carry their borrowed books to and from school. Students in the lower school now borrow their home readers from the library with their general books. Every week we have a new selection of books available to the students and these can be found on the display rack next to the home
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT- MARG POTTER

I want to say a very big thank you to those who donated a jar of Vegemite to our breakfast club. It will be very much appreciated by the students who love Vegemite on their piece of toast on Wednesday mornings before school in the Hall.

Thank you too, to all parents who came to the tuckshop and purchased an R.E. book during the month of February. This will be appreciated by all our wonderful volunteer R.E. teachers who use them in every lesson. It is important to buy these books during February as the books not sold must be sent back for credit early in March.

I will be starting my small groups very soon, so if you think your child may benefit from one of these groups (friendship skills or self-esteem), please feel free to contact me at school on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Marg Potter – School Chaplain

MUSIC- ANNA DART

Welcome to Music in 2015!

Our Music Team:

**Miss Anna Dart** - Classroom Music Specialist and Choral Teacher

**Mr Matt Armstrong** – Instrumental Teacher (Band)

**Mr Petros Stylianou** – Instrumental Teacher (Strings)

Weekly Rehearsal Times:

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Junior Strings Ensemble* (Year 3)

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Creative Composer’s Club

Junior Band* (Year 4 & 5)

*PLEASE NOTE: Our Instrumental Teachers will inform you of when rehearsals begin for the Junior Band and Junior Strings Ensembles (after foundational skills have been developed).

**Instrumental Program**

Please ensure that your child/children are prepared with their instrument, book and a folder for all rehearsals and small group lessons. If you have not yet purchased the book, please arrange this as soon as possible.

**Choral Camp**

From March 24 - 26, Miss Dart will be accompanying 11 Senior Choir students from Ashmore SS who will be attending in the Regional Choral Camp – Advanced Primary. This is a wonderful event, through which students from all over the region can participate in focussed choral workshops with nationally renowned mentors, culminating in a performance at the end of the camp.

Thank you to all students who nominated their interest.

**WHY MUSIC?**

Not because we expect you to major in music,
Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life...

But so you will be human.
So you will recognise beauty.
So you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world.
So you will have something to cling to.
So you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, more good – in short, more LIFE!

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P & C NEWS

SENIOR SHIRT: Is now available for Year Six students. Students are permitted to wear this uniform item on any day they choose. Shirts are $38, and come in sizes 10 – 18.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are being sent home now. Spare books of tickets are available at the tuckshop – winners of the prize baskets will be drawn on Assembly on 26 March. Raffle Books MUST be returned to the tuckshop, sold or unsold – we appreciate your assistance with this.

URGENT! We need eggs to be donated for the prize baskets. If you can please drop them into the tuckshop soon, it would be most appreciated.

ASHMORE SS INTERNATIONAL FUN FAIR: We’re looking forward to a great celebration of our school being held on Sat June 20. All funds raised are going towards the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. How can you help?

1. If you know of a company who would be interested in sponsorship, contact Juliette Hauff at
2. If you can donate a **prize** for the Cent Auction, contact Tracey Wentworth at tracey.anne2010@hotmail.com

3. If you would like to run your own **stall**, contact Janet MacIntosh at jam37@optusnet.com.au

4. If you know of any really good International **food stalls**, contact Erin McCormack at maccaez18@hotmail.com

5. If you would like to assist in any other way, contact Simone Hellsten at shell24@eq.edu.au

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**AGM MEETING:** The Annual General Meeting of Ashmore State School P&C will be held this year on Monday 16th March at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room (upstairs in the Carmichael Centre) and it is here that you can be a part of an exciting school community and take control of the wonderful events that we have coming up this year such as Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, Run-a-Thon, Sports Day Carnival and our big fundraiser for this year, the Ashmore SS Fun Fair in June. All these fundraising events go towards helping to enhance our school environment and provide valuable equipment and resources for our students.

Each year at the AGM the P&C will seek to elect an Executive Committee that will comprise of:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President

If you would like to fulfil one of these roles or you just want to be an ordinary member of the P&C, then please come along to the AGM and fill out an application form. Forms are also available now at the Administration office and Tuckshop.

*Ashmore P&C*

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**ORAL HEALTH SERVICE**

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service has completed routine oral health care for students attending Ashmore State School.

Please note that all children are eligible for regular six monthly checkups through the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service. Please call the Oral Health Client Service Centre to arrange an appointment on 1300 300 850.
A dental pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. In the case of an emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.30 pm excluding Public Holidays.

BENOWA HIGH SCHOOL

**Benowa State High School**  
is pleased to invite  
Year 6 Students  
and their Parents/Guardians  
to our  
**2016 Junior Secondary**  
**Expo Evening**  
on Wednesday 11 March 2015  
at 5.00pm to 7.00pm  
in the **Sports Hall**  
Program information now available for collection from our School office. For more information please visit benowash.eq.edu.au

**Benowa State High School**  
**Year 7 2015 Scholarships**  
Scholarships for 2016 open on Monday, 2 March and close Thursday, 2 April 2015. Scholarship Applications will be available on our website from Monday, 2 March. benowash.eq.edu.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

**Learn about Your World**

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers’ market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.sccce.com.au, email us at sccaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

*photo of previous student*

GCIT CHILDRENS' CENTRE
THEME PARKS TICKET SALE

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC014” to gain access to these ticket offers.

*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.*
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FUTURE FACES DISCOVERY 2015

Katz Model Management is on the search for young and fresh future faces. Do you think your child has what it takes? We are looking for children in the age groups of 4 – 8 years and 9 – 13 years who are confident, cheerful, animated, adorable and outgoing.

This journey aims to encourage children in expressing their inner confidence and to also help bring forward a newfound poise while stepping out of their comfort zone.

To enter please email info@katzmanagement.com.au for an entry form. To view the Terms and conditions please visit our website www.katzmanagement.com.au. All entry forms must be signed by a Parent/Guardian.

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