PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Although we all enjoy holidays it is always exciting to commence a new school year with the many opportunities and new adventures that it brings. With that in mind I warmly welcome everyone back for our 2014 school adventures. To those families who are new to Ashmore, I not only welcome you but I thank you for choosing our school and wanting to be part of this vibrant learning community. The number of new enrolments, including many from overseas, is amazing and humbling. Thank you for entrusting to us your most precious possession- your child.

I must also thank our teachers for their assistance in ensuring a smooth start to the school year and for their extraordinary efforts in ensuring our children receive the best possible education on the Gold Coast. Their commitment and dedication was clearly evidenced at the final year assembly when our school community sat back and watched the visual presentation of just what we achieved as a team in 2013. To help us reach our planned goals for planned 2014 I extend a very warm welcome to our new staff, Mrs. Tracey Roy (2E) and Mrs.
Janeen Overton (2D). I also welcome Ms Jacinta Morris and Mrs. Teena Sullivan to our Music Team and Mrs. Suzie Ross to our Link It! program. And of course we warmly welcome back Mrs. Jennifer Manz, Mr. Brendan Mallyon and Ms. Debbie Usmar.

This year will see us go even further in terms of student achievement. We will begin by ensuring that we are focused on our explicit improvement agenda that has been in place for the past three years. We will concentrate on continuous improvement in Oral Language, Literacy and Numeracy as this is proving, through our student results, to be the correct course. Additionally we continue to implement the Australian Curriculum with Geography being introduced this year. The recent Parent Opinion Survey data for the previous 12 months demonstrated that we are on the right path to ensuring that we meet the needs of our school community.

Responses to key questions were:

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**Great Results Guarantee**

Our school has received additional funding from the state government’s ‘Great Results Guarantee’ and we need to decide how we can use this money to continue high level support of our students and further enhance their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own ‘Great Results Guarantee’ with evidence-based strategies and actions to continually improve literacy and numeracy skills at our aspirational level of not just national mean standard but **international** mean standard.


If you have ideas on ways to support our students to an even greater extent in their learning or if you would like to take part in the discussion please don’t hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher. Perhaps you’d like to come along to our next P&C meeting and join in the discussion.

**Keeping up with the times**

You will notice some minor changes around our school. Firstly we now have music instead of bells to herald the commencement of lessons – a much nicer way to start the day. The music will change every now and then to ensure that you don’t get tired of hearing the same tune over and over again! Secondly, as mentioned last year, we are moving towards being a ‘paperless school’. Obviously, there will always be a need for some paper information but overall, in our technology driven world, we need to move with the times whilst at the same time contribute to the sustainability of our environment.
A survey was sent to all parents in the first week of this term to determine their access to a computer or i-phone. For those who do not have access, arrangements will be made to ensure they receive notices. The Seminar Room and tutoring will be available to parents who require up skilling in computer use.

All our information will be on-line e.g: newsletters, camp notices, music notices, excursions, student-led conference booking sheets, permission letters and the myriad of information with which you are provided. Parents will be alerted through email, twitter and the electronic front sign as to when these notices are uploaded. Semester Reports will now be emailed to parents/carers. Homework and class notices will be via classroom Ed. Studios. Please check our website regularly for information.

The ICT committee is meeting this week to ensure that you do not have to download notices but rather complete them on-line and return to the administration office.

**Insight into the year ahead.**

Parent Information Evenings are an invaluable way of providing you with information about the school’s direction for the year and the management and organisation of your child’s classroom. The dates for these evening are:

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- **NB:** Prep parents were involved in Parent Information at the commencement of this term.
- Mrs Urry (3C) has a professional engagement on the evening of Stage B presentation hence she will join with Stage C.
- School age children will be supervised in the Resource Centre.

I look forward to catching up with many parents and carers at the above meetings and please remember that should you have any questions or concerns regarding our school it is always wise to contact your child’s teacher in the first instance or speak to the Deputy Principals or me directly ensuring that you receive accurate answers and information.

**Vale**

It is with deep sadness that members of our school community received news that Ms. Nicole Kirdy, one of our long term parents, passed away on 25 January 2014 after a lengthy battle with illness. Nicole was a former student of Ashmore and her son Michael also attended from Prep. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nicole’s family at this very difficult time.
Thought for the Fortnight: Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind. Henry James, philosopher :1902

MARGARET JAMES

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY

Welcome to our Prep Families

It has been wonderful to see such happy faces on our new Prep students since their commencement at school. They have settled in beautifully; and they all look really lovely - fully outfitted in their school uniforms. A big welcome to all our Prep families. One reminder – Please remember that all children should remain with parents and carers, before and after school, near Prep classrooms. Children should not play on any playgrounds at these times, for their safety.

Please take care near our supervised crossings

For the safety of our children, please park your cars in the appropriate area - outside the marked-off crossing zones. If cars park in the restricted area – close to the crossing- vision is restricted, making it extremely dangerous for the children to cross safely. It may be that you have to park further away, however, the safety of our children is always of greatest importance. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Year 4 Tallebudgera Beach School Day Camp

We are very excited about the upcoming Year 4 Tallebudgera Beach School Day Camp.

- Year 4A and Year 4B will attend on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April.
- Year 4C and the Year 4 students from 4/5D will attend on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April.

This day camp experience is designed for students to develop team-building and leadership skills. Students will gain knowledge and awareness of water and surf safety. The camp activities align to sections of the Australian National Curriculum; and the Health and Physical Education Queensland Key Learning Area.

Tallebudgera Beach School’s fully trained instructors, together with Ashmore State School teachers, will involve the students in engaging and fun activities including:

- Canoe adventure
- Burleigh Mountain walk
- Teambuilding challenges
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- AMANDA FRY

Welcome to 2104 and another exciting year ahead for all members of our community.

Firstly, let me encourage you to attend your children’s information evenings. These information evenings are a valuable source of information on curriculum, expectations, routines and upcoming events.

As we move to becoming more and more ‘paperless’, our school Website is your most valuable source for up to date information and upcoming events. Please check it regularly.

2014 is a very special year for our senior students in Years 6 and 7 (Stage D) as they are in the unique position within Education Queensland. Our Year 7 students were the first trial year for Prep and our Year 6 will be the first group of primary school student to start high school in year 7. To celebrate the uniqueness of these events we will be having one Graduation Ceremony for both year levels to be held off site to accommodate larger numbers. Both year levels will be able to purchase Senior Shirts later in the year and both year levels will attend a resilience camp in June (10, 11, 12, 13) at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat.

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER- MRS PETA DONOGHUE

Welcome back to 2014!

FACILITIES

Unfortunately over the Christmas break we had a lot of vandalism in our school. The Carmichael Centre was the hardest hit with graffiti and the external toilets being severly damaged. All the bubblers were ripped off the walls and graffiti was evident. There were a number of the metal seats removed by vandals (and we are still missing 1) which they used as skateboard ramps around the school. If you could be patient as we get everything back in order it would be greatly appreciated. I have ordered new bubblers for the Carmichael Centre and all the holes in the walls will be repaired. Thank you to our vigilant parents who alerted security on several occasions.

New Middle School Playground

We are nearly there! Our new school playground should be completed by the end of this week, early next week at the latest. I am sure that the students are looking forward to using it.
New Guttering

Over the next 3 weeks we will be getting new guttering installed on the main toilet block, G block, walkways, E block & Admin. There will be safety fencing installed so could you please be careful around these areas, remind your children of the changes and to be safe at all times.

External Painting – Is just about complete. I think that you will all agree that the school is looking great!

Ashmore Community Garden – this is a fantastic opportunity for the students, parents and staff to get involved in something fun (and healthy) together. The organisers meet at the school every Tuesday morning from 8am – 10am and they attend to the gardens that have been installed up behind the demountables at the back of the school. When you get a chance have a look as they look amazing and if you get involved you are able to sample the produce and use in your own kitchens at home!

Without volunteers the gardens will not survive so please if you are able to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Student ID Card Photo Day

Just to let everyone know that there will be a photo session on Thursday 13th February to get profile photos done for all NEW students (including Preps) and existing students that missed photo day last year. Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform and has their hair done neatly for the photo. We need to have individual photos done to get student ID Cards made to be able to use the new printing system. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see contact me on Ph: 5656 1333.

Childhood Diabetes Free Dress Day Fundraising 2013 – Just wanted to let you all know that the Free Dress Day Childhood Diabetes Fundraiser raised $858.50.

We had International Delegates here from Kazakhstan and they were asking why all the students were not in uniform. When Margi told them about our fundraising they donated $200.00 to the cause which was amazing. Ms Gulnas from Kazakhstan was so impressed with the effort that she said that she wanted to help. A big thank you to all the students who donated and especially to our International visitors.

Staff Carpark Sign – You will all have noticed at some point the Staff Car Park Sign (See above). Please take special notice of the writing that says “NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS”. Please DO NOT walk your children through the carpark at any time as this is safety issue.

FINANCE

Student Resource Scheme – don’t forget to hand in your Student Resource Scheme forms to the office.
**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 DO NOT accept 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 by the due date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Hiring**

We are taking bookings for 2014 for hiring of the Hall, Carmichael Centre (includes dance room, seminar room, conference room and life skill rooms), oval and netball courts. If you are interested or know of anyone that is looking for hire facilities please pass on this information. You can contact myself or Kate Grevett on P:56561333

**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. 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 these seem 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.

**Have you changed your contact details? Please advise Admin of your changes**

Many Thanks,

**Pete**

Business Services Manager

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**BANKING DETAILS**

You may wish to print these details for easy reference throughout 2014.


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**CURRICULUM NEWS-KAREN GRAVENDYK**

**Reading Eggs & Eggspress**
The online reading program has been purchased again in 2014 for all Prep – Year 7 students. Your child’s Reading Eggs Accounts have been created for their 2014 class. Existing students’ passwords will remain the same as 2013. Class teachers will send home your child’s ‘log on’ and ‘password’ details.

Additional information on Reading Eggs & Eggpress will be shared at the “Parent Information Session” (PET) in Week 7. Class teachers will also discuss the interactive resources at the ‘Parent Information Evening’ on the 12th & 13th of February.

**Puzzles**

Our Prep & Year 1 teachers would greatly appreciate any intact puzzles that your children no longer play with at home. If you would like to donate any of these pre-loved puzzles please give them to Leigh Hering or Sandy Browne in the Resource Centre.

**Geography**

Geography is being implemented into all Queensland schools in 2014. Geography is a structured way of exploring, analysing and understanding the characteristics of the places that make up our world, using the concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. It addresses scales from the personal to the global and time periods from a few years to thousands of years.

Geography is organised in two related strands: Geographical Knowledge and Understanding, and Geographical Inquiry and Skills.

*For further information please refer to:*

- Ashmore State School’s Website – Curriculum / Teaching & Learning / Junior, Middle or Senior School

Karen Gravendyk

Head Of Curriculum

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**GUIDANCE OFFICER- CARLA LOUGHNANE**

**Welcome back everyone!**

It is lovely to see familiar faces eager to start the school year and wonderful to meet new students and families arriving at Ashmore SS for the first time.

I was lucky enough to be relocated to a brand new office in the music block at the end of last year so that is where you will find me this term.
This year all staff will be focussing on positive behaviour and social and emotional learning for all students. Our School Values will be a major focus, as well as reminding all students of the high expectations we have of them both at school and when representing the school in the community.

A great way to start the year is to recap on our Manners expectations for students and adults alike. Please see below the ‘Ashmore Way’ of interacting with each other. This is not just for students but a reminder for everyone to be respectful and model positive behaviour and manners wherever we are.

- Use of please, thank you, you’re welcome.
- If interrupting, use…..Excuse me.
- Use people’s names in responses.
- Saying sorry and then helping, if necessary.
- Use of Yes or No (Not Yep or Nuh).
- Following instructions/directions the **FIRST** time.
- Avoid back chatting and arguing.
- Appropriate language….If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all.
- Avoid being disrespectful by doing things behind people’s backs.

Good Manners are essential for every child’s self-confidence and success in life. The social skill of using manners and getting along with others opens doors and builds opportunity. Children, teachers and community members are more likely to interact positively with those who use manners.

[Image: People holding hands]

Being sincere and consistent in showing manners is integral to the success of a polite and well-mannered individual. Children learn the importance of and how to use manners from their role models. Whether this is a parent, relative, family friend or teacher, it is important that the adults in the life of our children demonstrate consistently courteous language and respectful relationships where manners are modelled and encouraged every day.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me via the office if you would like to arrange an appointment to meet.

Carla Loughnane

Guidance Officer

**ASHMORE STATE SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN**

Please see the attached link for detailed information regarding the Ashmore State School Responsible Behaviour Plan and expectations regarding student behaviour across the school.
The Responsible School Behaviour Plan can be found on the Ashmore SS website.

GET STARTED PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

PLEASE CLICK HERE

RESOURCE CENTRE

We would like to welcome returning families and new families to Ashmore State School. As you may have already read in previous newsletters our school is going paperless. Our website is constantly updated with new information. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

To download the app either check out our website for the links or go straight to iTunes store and Google Play.

While all schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department's preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school's and the department's social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

Library Borrowing

Please check with your child's teacher for their Library borrowing time. All students must have a library bag to borrow with no outstanding books. Prep to Year 2 can borrow 1 book at a time. Years 3-5 can borrow 2 books and Years 6-7 are permitted to borrow 4 books at any given time. We ask these books are kept away from little brothers and sisters and don't come in contact with food or liquids. All damaged or lost books must be paid for.
LINK IT! - ROBYN MARTIN

Link It! is Ashmore State School’s ever-changing, adaptive and responsive intervention initiative. Our whole school intervention model continues in 2014! Currently, all classroom teachers are creating their Link It! groups, using previous data as well as results of class diagnostic testing.

Students’ progresses are constantly monitored via collated data which in turns dictates direction of Link It! The groups are flexible, structured to attend to individuals’ needs, and the overarching goal is for each & every student to continually strive to improve!

Students will set their own goals in Link It! and they will know how to attain these goals. By taking ownership of their learning, they will be able to acknowledge where they are currently operating academically and be aware of what they need to do to reach their individual goals.

TERM 1 2013 - Year levels & focus for each program are as follows:

**Early Years - Prep & Year 1: Focus:** Spelling and reading comprehension strategies.

**Literacy – Years 3, 5, 7: Focus:** Reading comprehension (Reciprocal Reading + development of vocabulary; rich oral language opportunities; and writing component aligned to classroom assessment tasks).

**Numeracy – Years 2, 4 & 6: Focus:** Number – place value; mental computations; language of math; tailored to meet needs of students through ‘hands-on’ activities. The focus will be revisited after PATM (T 1, wk. 5) testing administered. Data will identify deficiencies which will be addressed through Link It!

**Tier 3 Intervention – Multi Grades:** (incl. grades 3 -7) Needs based literacy support groups – reading comprehension, decoding strategies + extend vocabulary knowledge and oral language N.B. There is the opportunity for students from year 2 to also be included in the Early Years program (Prep & Yr. 1). Any students included from Yr. 2 are receiving Tier 3 Intervention. The SEP teachers have assisted as well in this program by working with SWD students during the Early Years sessions with the same focuses targeted.

N.B.  Link It! Edstudio resource – Key S689104335 (to support students at home)

ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM - TEGAN NIXON

This year is very exciting for our Accelerated Learning Program. Our new project groups will be up and running by the end of Term 1. These project groups will be facilitated by our experienced teachers. The programs will run outside of regular class times (e.g before school, lunch breaks or after school), for our identified Gifted and Talented students. These project groups are specifically targeted to extend students and develop their talents into gifts.
The following are some examples of the project groups that will run throughout the year:

- Maths Olympiad
- Public speaking
- Science investigations
- UNIfy
- Creative Writing
- Multimedia
- OPTI-minds

And the list goes on!

Tegan Nixon

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**CHAPLAIN'S CHAT**

A very warm welcome to all our new students, families and staff. My name is Marg Potter and I’ve been the chaplain at this great school for the last nine and a half years. I can be found in the Student Services building on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If your children are having trouble settling in to their new school, please come and have a chat.

R.E. BOOKS are now for sale at the tuckshop for $6. They will only be on sale during February. All students in Years One to Seven who attend R.E. lessons will need an R.E. student activity book as they are used in every lesson. Year One and Year 6/7 will receive one book for the whole year. Other grades will receive their second book in second semester.

On Wednesday mornings before school, I run a free breakfast club in the hall for students. If you can spare an hour two or three times during the year to help out, please leave your name and number at the office. Thank you!

Marg Potter - Chaplain

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**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**
NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...February

Mr Mallyon Returns – I have returned after an exceptional year of exchange with Mr Ellis. My family loved every opportunity to experience the difference between Canada and Australia; from the distinct four seasons, to the dramatic changes in landscape to the amazing variety of animals not found here at home.

I taught at Dr Knox Middle School in Kelowna and learned a great deal about the Canadian Culture. I loved their sports and high standards for manners and respect.

I know for a fact that both Mr Ellis and I can say that 2013 was one of our most memorable years in our lives and thoroughly enjoyed by each of us and our families. Mr Ellis had an amazing time whilst here in Australia and I sincerely thank each of the staff, students and parents who made him feel welcome. I also hope that the members of our school community found the entire exchange program to be enriching both by experiencing Mr Ellis as a professional teacher and through getting to know a Great Canadian ambassador.

Interschool Sport – Ashmore State School will be participating in the Gold Coast North District Interschool Sports Gala Days. These Monday competitions are scheduled to be held on 19 May, 26 May, 2 June and 16 June. Approximate cost will be $40 per student. Students will be requested to nominate their sports preferences and trials will commence 17 March on Monday afternoon.

Gold Coast North Trials – Students turning 10, 11 or 12 this year who wish to be selected in Gold Coast North representative sporting teams must be selected and nominated by our school. Students may need to meet specific qualification standards and display a high level of skill and game play for their chosen sport. Gold Coast
North Trial Dates are listed on the window between the Year 4/5 class rooms and information will also be given via student notices. Gold Coast North Trials for term 1 are Cricket, Swimming, Netball, Tennis, Rugby League, Basketball, A.F.L., Soccer and Hockey. Term 2 GCN sports trials are Touch, Softball, Rugby Union and Golf. Term 3 GCN sports trials will be Athletics.

School Swimming Trials will be held on Friday 7 February at Nerang Pool from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Entry to the pool will be $3.80 for students but the regular spectators’ fee will be waived.

**Fitter, Faster, Stronger** – Commenced on Monday, 3 February. Fitter is where kilometres travelled will be recorded. Faster is learning sprint techniques so that students can learn to run faster and attendance will be recorded. Stronger is circuit training and attendance will be recorded. Each session will be held from 8am to 8:30am on the oval. Students from all grades and parents are welcome to attend.

Mon – Fitter, Tues – Faster, Wed – Stronger, Thurs – Fitter, Friday – Faster. I hope to see you there.

Mr Mallyon

**Before School Soccer Program**

Total Football Academy will be running a before School soccer program during Term 1 in Ashmore State School. The program is for Prep to Year 3 & Year 4 to Year 6 Pupils. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts). The program starts on Tuesday 11th February, 7.30am - 8.30am. Cost is only $66.00. To sign up online visit [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Welcome to Music in 2014!**

Firstly, I would like to introduce this year’s music team.

Anna Dart – Music Specialist (3 days – Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Jacinta Morris – Music Specialist (2 days – Mon, Tue)

Justin Hart – Instrumental Teacher (1 ½ days – Mon, Tues morning)

Teena Sullivan – Strings Teacher (2 days – Thurs, Fri)

We hope that we can continue to develop and extend the childrens’ music knowledge and skills, as well as their interest in music education.

- **Choirs will be established in Week 2 and we will begin rehearsing in Week 3 for our first performance.**

- **Strings and bands will begin in Week 3. Please ensure that your child is aware of the day and time that they are to attend.**

If any parents are experienced or capable of piano accompaniment, please come and talk to Miss Dart as we are looking for someone to assist with the strings groups and choirs.

An edStudio is used to allow students and their families online access to the information, performance dates, music activities, videos and games, as well as a discussion board, that relates to what they have been learning at school. The students will be introduced to the edStudio in their music lessons and we encourage them use it at home, during the school term and over the holidays.

To access the edStudio, please follow the steps below:

1. Students log on to the Learning Place with their school (EQ ID) log on.  

   1. Enter the ‘Student Space’ and click *Early Phase*
   2. Search for our edStudio - Studio Name: Miss Dart’s Music edStudio

   - Studio Access Key: S47489221

   1. Have fun discovering the online music classroom!

**Instrumental Music Update**

Welcome back to all of our instrumental music students, parents and carers. We look forward to an exciting start to lessons and ensemble rehearsals in 2014. To get things started, you can find all instrumental correspondance including letters and loan agreement forms at the school website.

We look forward to another successful year and in advance, we thank you for supporting your child’s music education.

Kind Regards,

Miss Dart and the Music Team
**P & C NEWS**

**WELCOME to 2014:** Welcome or welcome back to all the students, parents and community of Ashmore State School. I trust that everyone had a wonderful break. 2014 is off to a flying start with many happy faces that are willing to learn and thrive in the Ashmore way. This year is going to be another exciting year for all with all the Car Boot Sales, BBQs, Stalls and other fundraisers in the mix. I look forward to meeting some new students, teachers and parents alike. I wish you all the best for the year ahead in 2014.

Jodi McLeod, President

**P&C MEETING:** The first P&C meeting of this year will be held on **Monday February 17 at 6.15pm** in the Conference Room at the Carmichael Centre. We welcome any parents who want to get involved in the school community so if you have any ideas or thoughts that you want to put forward then please come along, your input will be much appreciated.

**AGM MEETING:** The Annual General Meeting of Ashmore State School P&C will be held this year on **Monday 17th March** 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, Spell-a-thon, Trivia Night, Sports Day Carnival and our big fundraiser for this year, the Cadbury Chocolate Drive in May. 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:

**Ordinary member**

**PREP DROP OFF ZONE** - Just a reminder that parents are asked NOT to park and leave their cars in the two minute drop off zone in front of Prep. This is strictly a STOP, DROP AND GO zone so parents have a safe place, close to the front gate, to drop off their children. Please be considerate of other busy parents and move along as quickly as possible.

**PREP WAITING AREA:** The P&C, with help from the NRMA Road Safety Grant, built a special undercover waiting area for the Drop & Go Zone. This is a purpose-built shelter for your children to wait safely off the street, but close to the Prep parking zone.
Speech And Language Pathology

Assessment & Therapy for children 0-12 years

Assisting children having difficulty with:
- Speech
- Language
- Grammar
- Reading, writing & spelling
- Stuttering (0-8yrs)

Kerri Riding 0427 270 944
speechwork@bigpond.com 14 Carrara Str, Benowa
Crafty Hands!

Use your hands to make some creative things!

If you're looking for some fun craft activities for children then you've come to the right place. This program is full of fascinating hands-on activities that are a great way to enjoy the world of craft. This fantastic program is available to all the children at Ashmore.

On this extraordinary 5 week craft journey, children will have the opportunity to engage in making recycled robots, making toys or jewellery out of crystals and bringing the world of art to life!

Over a 5 week program, you will be guided by our craft experts to learn some fun things! Each week there will be something to take home!

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Ashmore on 0400708773 or email ashmore@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Ashmore service.

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**SURFERS PARADISE DEMONS JUNIOR AFL**

**Surfers Paradise Demons Junior AFL Club - SIGN ON FOR SEASON 2014**

Club Sign On Saturday 8th Metricon Stadium with the SUNS players) & Sunday 9th February at Surfers Paradise JAFC for season 2014.

Come down to the club between 8am-2pm

We are located at Ashmore Road Ashmore

We cater for 5-16 year old **Boys AND Girls (girls only comp - U15 and U18 teams)**

and we want YOU to come and play with the Demons.
Our NAB AFL Auskick will commence on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

If you need further information please call

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