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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week we saw candidates for School Captains and Vice Captains deliver their election speeches to peers, teachers and administration. Each of the candidates presented excellent viewpoints regarding their beliefs about the role for which they are nominating. They spoke with confidence and pride in themselves and their school with the common thread of Proud to Shine clearly evident. The next step in the process involves teacher voting followed by interviews for the shortlisted candidates. The interviewing panel is comprised of administration representatives from our surrounding high schools, Mrs Vicki Heaton and me. I wish all shortlisted candidates every success. You all have so very much to offer our school.

A Reminder for the New School Year.

As the school year draws to a close and in readiness for 2014, it is timely to remind students and parents that it is an expectation that our school uniform policy be fully adhered to. The policy is endorsed by the school's P&C who are the representatives of the parents and carers within our school. The policy specifically states that
students must wear black shoes. The wearing of black school shoes is extremely common across Queensland schools and they can be purchased at very reasonable prices in the majority of shoe shops. It was disappointing that this year we saw many children wearing coloured shoes including expensive sport shoes that do not comply with our policy. The main reason provided to us for such shoes was simply that children told their parents that they were allowed to do so and parents found it too expensive to replace the already purchased shoes. It was also very sad that a small group of parents supported their children in not following the school rules regarding the colour of shoes. I encourage all parents to help us uphold our dress code as it is more than just putting on the required uniform. It is about respect for rules and regulations that exist across all aspects of any community. Such respect for rules and regulations is paramount to children learning from a very young age that to be a respectful and respected citizen within any community, and indeed within our own families, that there are always rules by which we must abide.

**Ashmore Swimming Carnival**

Our third annual Swimming Carnival is fast approaching and hopefully we will see maximum participation by students. In the climate and beach environment in which we live it makes good sense that children be encouraged to learn to swim and, as a school, that we provide competitive sporting opportunities where children can enjoy ‘showing off’ their swimming skills through House competition. We also make sure that we cater for children who are very competent swimmers to those who may still be learning to swim. It is a great day for all and a compulsory school day. So, bring along the beach chairs, a picnic lunch, sunscreen and lots of cheers for your teams! Mr Ellis has provided further information about the day later in this newsletter.

**Continuing to Keep Our Children Safe**

Recently the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) issued an updated State School Consent Form to gain permission or otherwise from parents/carers to use, record or disclose copyright material, image, recording, name and personal information. Please note that although Section 1 asks parents/carers to select Full name, First name only, No name or Other, it does not overrule the policy decision of a school in regards to the publishing of student names. In advice received from DETE the Department considers it best practice to only publish student first names online and have further advised that the policy we have regarding the publishing of student first names only ‘is sound, supported by principles upheld by the Department and based on the best interests of the students.”

**Thought for the Fortnight**

Children should have enough freedom to be themselves - once they’ve learned the rules.

*Anna Quindlen* Author and Journalist.

*MARGARET JAMES*

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL-AMANDA FRY
Our 2013 Cultural Evenings were a resounding success. Conducted over two evenings, they showcased the talents of our students and staff. Under the theme “Ashmore Goes to the Movies”, each year level performed a movie themed item which aimed at maximum participation on stage. We saw dancing, singing and the playing of musical instruments as well as outstanding choreography. Congratulations to the children and teachers for the school made costumes and a big thank you to the parents who supplied or assisted with costumes. Our hall was packed to capacity both nights. Special thanks goes to Anna M (mother of Chloe, Amber and Jasmine) for her wonderful decorations in the Hall foyer. Thanks also to our P and C for their movie themed snacks and drinks. We have tried many different versions of our cultural evenings over the years, but I think we have hit on a winning formula. Performing Arts is certainly alive and well at Ashmore State School were everyone is Proud To Shine and has the opportunity to do so.

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 ask 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

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**BANKING DETAILS**

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

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**GUIDANCE OFFICER- CARLA LOGHNANE**

**USING EFFECTIVE TIME-OUTS**

Many parents use the same type of discipline for every problem situation. One tool, however, is rarely effective for all situations. Plus, overusing one particular tool also reduces its usefulness. Timeout is just one tool -- and it really isn't a "discipline" tool; it's an effective anger-management tool. Since the purpose of a timeout is to help someone regain control, it is most appropriate to use when someone has lost self-control or there is extremely disruptive behaviour.

Most adults have the mistaken idea that the whole point of sending children to timeout is to make the child suffer for their misbehaviour. "You go to your room (or chair) and think about what you did." The tone of voice usually implies, "and you suffer." Imposing suffering only brings on more resentment and power struggles. Effective discipline, however, teaches children lessons from their poor behaviour choices, rather than punishing them. If you want timeouts to be constructive, try following these guidelines:

- **Develop a plan in advance.** Teach children during a happy time about the value of a cooling-off period. Say, "When you feel like you're going to lose control, you can go (specify the place). When you feel better we can work on a solution."
Teach children how to regain self-control. Suggest things the child can do to calm down while in timeout.

Allow the child to play. Many parents are upset when they find their child playing during timeout, but it's actually a good sign that the child has regained self-control. If they are ready to play, children might also be ready to do some problem solving.

Select a location for the time-out. Some children calm down faster when they are alone and in a quiet place. Other children have too much energy to be forced to sit still. Some children become more out-of-control and hurtful when they are forced to spend timeouts alone. These children can cool off in the same room as other people, as long as they aren't disruptive.

Present time-outs as a choice. A child can choose to settle down or take some time out. If children have calmed down and are ready to return but parents won't let them “come out,” it often escalates the situation. If children return before they have calmed down, firmly but kindly return them to the timeout and reemphasize the purpose is to cool off. Describe the behaviour you want to see that shows they are calm.

When timeout is over, problem-solve to generate ideas for handling the situation differently in the future. Think about your long-term goal. If you want children to learn that it is their responsibility to control their behaviour, use timeouts as cooling off periods which teach children how to achieve this self-control.

Adapted from: www.Parentstoolshop.com

Carla Loughnane
Guidance Officer

RESOURCE CENTRE

We have just under 5 weeks left before the end of our school year. As we conduct a stocktake in the last 2 weeks, there will be no borrowing during this time. We therefore require all library books to be returned to the Resource Centre. Please check at home to locate any outstanding books. If you think your child may have lost their library book please see our friendly Library staff and we will issue a notice of payment. Thank you in anticipation for your assistance.

Have a safe and happy holiday and it's always a great time to catch up on some relaxing reading.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT
A CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION for children from 0 to 16 years of age is now running at school. Toys will be given to Newlife Care at Robina, a part of Robina Uniting Church at the beginning of December. They give away about 500 hampers and toys to the Gold Coast community each year, including some of our own Ashmore school families. Please drop off your toys to the Chaplain’s desk in the Student Services building (old library). Thank you so much for helping these families.

The T.A.G. carwash (timely acts of generosity) was held last Saturday 9th in the staff carpark. I want to say a HUGE thank you to these students who helped wash cars: Brayden, Ethan, Dylan, Rebecca, Hayley, Jessica and Grace; as well as Brayden’s brother and father, and Rev Brad Foote from Ashmore Uniting Church. We washed approximately 40 cars and were more than a little wet when we were finished. Thank you too, to some of our Ashmore families who brought their car along to be washed. It was a fun morning!

Marg Potter - Chaplain

MY REEF ADVENTURE ADVENTURE- BY MADISON 3D
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. Your input will be much appreciated.

**2013 PARENT REPRESENTATIVES** – We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Reps for this year:

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Big silver speedy boat  
Heading to the reef  
Water splashing, wind gusting  
Whoops! Almost lost my hat

I’m high in the sky  
In my first helicopter flight  
Amazing colourful views  
As far as I can see

Fins, goggles, vest, snorkel  
Butterflies in my stomach  
Brrr, the water’s cold  
Let’s go explore the reef

Crystal clear aqua water  
Colourful cheeky curious fish  
Darling here, weaving there  
Dancing before my eyes

Large stable spacious reef  
Bright yet spiky coral  
Yellow, blue, green and orange  
Never want to leave

One long trumpet blow  
Means it’s time to go  
Someday I will return  
To the Great Barrier Reef

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They have performed an invaluable job this year – working hard behind the scenes; manning P&C stalls and events through the year, and doing the huge job of recycling for the classrooms. They have also been an important point of contact, bringing forward many important issues for action or further feedback/information for our parents. Many thanks from our school community!!

**AMART ALL SPORTS** – Thank you for using your Amart All Sports card, with the points going to our school. Every month Mr Ellis the sports teacher has been able to purchase $100 - $200 worth of sports equipment, which is wonderful in building up the equipment for our children. We have the cards available in the tuckshop, so please call in and register for us – it does make a real difference.

**PREP TEA TOWELS** – Still available in tuckshop, $12.00 each, great gifts!!

**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 11.00am, then 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Tuesday 26 November

8.30am to 11.00am, then 2.00pm 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 noon.

**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 & Friday from 8.30am – 9.00am.

**MELBOURNE CUP TRIVIA NIGHT** – Thank you very much to our sponsors, who donated wonderful prizes for our Trivia night. Remember to support the local companies who support us!!
CoolTint - Southport

Plus Projects

Go Gecko - Nerang

Karma Cupcakes

Quench Liquor – Ashmore Tavern

Ferry Rd Tavern

Event Cinemas – Australia Fair

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Ashmore Tavern

Vapiano

Montezumas – Labrador

Sirromet Wines

Petals online Florist

Sheila Stone

Coles – Southport

All funds raised on the night went towards our new Playground. Thank you for your support of our fundraisers this year. We are hoping to have the playground completed by the start of school 2014.

Ashmore P&C

pandc@ashmoress.eq.edu.au

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...NOVEMBER

Swimming Carnival – 27 November

- Ashmore Swimmers Ready to Compete
- 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.
- This will be the final House competition of the year. Awards will be given to girl and boy age champion in each grade.

Intra-school Sports Program - Results

- Warrawee Crowned Over-all Champion in Ashmore Intra-school Sport Competition
- Year 4 – 1st Warrawee, 2nd Yangoora, 3rd Currumburra, 4th Cotlew
- Year 5/6 – 1st Warrawee, 2nd (Tie) Cotlew, Yangoora, 4th Currumburra
- Year 7 – 1st (tie) Warrawee, Yangoora, 3rd Currumburra, 4th Cotlew
- Overall Points:
  - 1st – Warrawee 450 points
- 2nd – Yangoora 425 points
- 3rd – Currumburra 295 points
- 4th – Cotlew 250 points

- Player of the Match – will be announced at the Year End Sports Assembly

**Golf – November**

- **Way to go Cameron!**
- Cameron H (7B) won the 2013 Surfer’s Paradise Junior Club Golf Championships. He was competing against Year 9 and 10 boys. Congratulations and good luck to Cameron as he continues competing over the summer.

**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.
  - There will be a Key-note speaker and numerous awards to present.
  - Parents are welcome

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

- **Only Four Weeks Left of Fitter, Faster, Stronger**
- 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.

Monday – Fitter, Tuesday – Faster, Wednesday – Stronger,
Thursday – Faster, Friday – Fitter.

**TFA Before School Soccer Camps – Tentative Plans for Term 1 in 2014**

- 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 $55.00.
- To sign up online visit [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.

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

We would like to invite you to attend our end of year Music Extravaganza Concert. All of our string students have been working hard to prepare for this and they are looking forward to showing you their progression this year.

**Date:** Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December

**Time:** Concert starts at 1:45pm

**Cost:** Free admission

Beginner string students who have been hiring a school instrument will need to return their instrument immediately after the concert. A note will be going home soon with information about what size instrument you will need to purchase for your child before next year.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Regards,

Ms Larmor  
Strings Teacher

Mrs Sullivan  
Strings Teacher

Mrs James  
Principal

Ms Fry  
Deputy Principal and Performing Arts Co-ordinator

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**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.

REPTILE ENCLOSURES REQUIRED

If anyone has any reptile enclosures or accessories in good condition could you please text Brigitte on 0414548364
CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL    VALLEY XMAS FAIR

Sunday 1st December, 9.30am – 2.00pm

Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding,
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Phone: 5533 0312   Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

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