17th October 2014

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY**

**PREP Show – “Santa Round the World”**

There is a show coming up for Prep classes on the 4th December, called “Santa Round the World”. The form for this show is now on the school’s website in the NEWS section (bottom left). The form can be completed on-line and submitted electronically. Instructions for payment are stated on the form.

**Year 5 Camp**

Payment and forms should now be finalized, as the final date for this was Friday 17th October (with payments to be cleared by this day). We look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding “Leadership and Sports Camp” from the 29 to the 31 October (3 days and 2 nights).

**STARS (School Thanks and Recognition of Staff)**

Staff profiles for the fortnight.
Let's celebrate and recognize:

**Ms Tegan Nixon**

Tegan commenced at Ashmore State School at the beginning of 2013. Ms Nixon began with us last year, as one of our Year 2 Classroom Teachers. This year Tegan looped with her class; and is now 3D’s Classroom Teacher.

Ms Nixon taught at Kimberley Park State School in Logan City, before joining us at Ashmore.

As well as being 3D’s Teacher, Tegan has taken on other valuable roles in the school. She is our Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator. This entails identification of those students who would benefit from extension (together with the assistance of Classroom Teachers across the school). She also oversees a wide variety of programmes to cater for the varied needs of our more able students. These programmes include Opti-Minds; UNIFY – critical thinking, write-on, shape up; and The Green Project. Tegan is also a Stage Manager of Stage B (Year 2 and 3); and a Curriculum Support Team Member, offering support to other staff members when required or requested.

When asked what she enjoys doing at school, Tegan explains that she loves working with her beautiful Year 3 students. She also enjoys getting to work with lots of other students through the Gifted and Talented clubs she organizes.

Ms Nixon loves long distance running in her spare time. She also enjoys travel. One of her more interesting travel experiences was her last trip to Phuket in Thailand. Their New Year’s celebration, called ‘Songkran’, lasts for two days. You can’t leave your hotel without getting drenched from head to toe with water. The locals throw ice cold buckets of water over you or squirt you with water pistols. They even cover you in flour (a tradition that is meant to stop you getting wet – but it didn’t help).

We wish to thank Tegan for her wonderful contribution to teaching and learning at Ashmore State School. We also wish to thank Ms Nixon for her great contribution in the area of Gifted and Talented Education at Ashmore. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Ms Amanda Fry**

Amanda commenced at Ashmore State School in April 1999, which means she has worked at our school for about 15 years! Ms Fry has been one of Ashmore’s two Deputy Principals since that time. Prior to this, Amanda has worked at Bellevue Park, Currumbin and Ferny Grove State Schools. She has also spent time working for Education Queensland in the South-west Region, including Roma and Dalby. In the south-west, Ms Fry was a Mathematics Adviser who visited schools. Ms Fry has received her medallion from Education Queensland for 25 years’ service.

Ms Fry is involved in many special activities at Ashmore, including overseeing the many dance groups; and very recently our Wakakirri entry into the local competition. This Wakakirri team was successful at winning the state...
competition, and gaining inclusion in the National titles to be decided this week. Amanda helps to organize many facets of our performing arts programme.

When asked what she enjoys doing at school, Amanda explains that she loves working with the students in the areas of dance, performing arts and sport. Ms Fry really enjoys showing off Ashmore in public.

Amanda has a daughter, Savannah, who is turning 21 next week. Savannah is the current Miss Gold Coast Show Queen. She has 2 dogs, Theo and Sweeney, who really enjoy dressing up. Amanda, a Rotary exchange student to Pennsylvania, USA in 1979, is a keen and active member of the Ashmore Rotary Club.

We wish to thank Amanda for her far-reaching contributions to Ashmore State School, as Deputy Principal and in many other domains including Performing Arts. Her wonderful efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pupil Fee Day

PLEASE NOTE THAT IS A PUPIL FREE DAY THIS MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- AMANDA FRY

VALE

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the sudden passing of one of our parents - Angus Hodgetts. I know you all join with me in sending our sympathy to the Hodgetts and Rodda family at this unhappy time.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This term we welcome Mr Tony Smith, Guidance Officer while Ms Davies is on leave, Mr Joseph Tupou-Vea replacing Ms Amanda Hussell (proud new mum of Archie) and Ms Eli David on year 4/5 D.

PERFORMING ARTS

With only one more dance performance for 2014 - it is imperative that parents return the Media Release form and bus permission for ‘Danc-eD in the Spotlight’. Thank you to those parents who have utilised the electronic submit button on the website to return these forms. The T-shirts for Danc-eD have arrived and will distributed to the girls prior to Friday 24th so that they can wear them to the Arts Centre (if permission forms have been returned and if payment is complete).

We were privileged last week to have the Performing Arts Team from Cronulla High School visit us. All our dance, band and Wakakirri students were present to witness an outstanding variety of performances from this aspirational group of young people including soloists in song and piano, dance routines and a drama skit. After the performances, our students were treated to a workshop in band, dance or drama lead by the Cronulla
students. This is the second time this team has visited Ashmore and we look forward to them coming again in coming years.

**COMMUNITY**

Our four school captains will be attending Arbour Day celebrations on Wednesday 15 October at the Botanical Gardens at Benowa where they will take part in planting trees in the Gum Tree Corridor.

**BSM BLURB**

**FINANCE**

Student Resource Scheme Fees are due and payable now. Please make payment either by EFT, Cash or Direct Deposit as soon as possible. Payment days are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday!

**Internet Payments** – Just a reminder that internet payments need to have the student’s first initial and surname and class (eg: pdonoghue1c). Parents using their own name or any other reference cause payments to be misdirected.

**End of Year** – the finance office will be closing on the 28th November. No further payments will be taken after this date. Please ensure that you have all outstanding debts paid before this date. Any outstanding debts will be carried over into next year, however this is not preferred.

**Cash Window payments** – please note that the receipting office does not carry a float to change monies. It would be greatly appreciated if you could come with correct cash.

**GENERAL**

**Picking up children early** – If you are intending to pick your child up early please do not call the office to get your child down to the office prior to you getting here. You need to come to the office to sign your child out and then we are able to get your child sent down.

**Absent/Sick Students** – If your child is going to be away on a particular day could you please ensure that you call the Absent Line on (07) 5656 1360. This will save you time as you can just leave a message and don’t have to talk to the office ladies or wait if the office is busy.

**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 will be implementing 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.

Many Thanks,

Pete

Business Services Manager

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

1. Year 6 & Year 7 (whole cohort) photos are available for purchase through Advanced Life. We have a copy of each photo in the Office if parents would like to view before deciding to order. To order photos, an envelope will need to be collected from the office and ordered online.

2. Student Banking is again running this term with a special competition for those who make deposits (See below)

Also, the final date for student banking will be Friday 5th December. No deposits will be taken on the last day of school.
BANKING DETAILS

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

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW

RESOURCE CENTRE

Book Club

The latest Book Club is currently out and is due back to the Resource Centre by Tuesday 21st October. Remember that we are unable to collect cash and payments can be made online by following the instructions on the book club flyer. If paying with a credit card please return the order form with selected books and receipt number to the Resource Centre.

Email Address

Last week we sent home a note to parents who haven’t yet supplied us with an email address. The purpose of this information is to email your child’s report at the end of each semester. This information is only used for Education Queensland purposes. Similarly, if you’ve changed your email address please inform the office with this information.

Borrowing

Everyone must have a library bag to protect borrowed books but we have extra plastic bags if your child’s forgotten. Accidents happen and we have wonderful families who let us know and replace the cost of the book
straight away. If you are aware that you are leaving the school please return all books before departing.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK…October

**Swimming Carnival** – The Annual Ashmore Swimming Carnival has been booked for City Pools Nerang on 3 December. The carnival is for Year 4-7 and will take the place of a regular school day. Information via the school website will be coming out soon.

**Intra-school Sports Program** – Year 4-7 students will be competing in the Ashmore Intra-school sporting competition. House teams compete for the championship in the following activities: t-ball, kick & catch, and dodge ball. The competition will run on Friday 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.

Fitter – Faster - Stronger (a.k.a. Running Club) ***NEW TIMES***** - 8:00am to 8:45am.

Students from all grades and their parents are welcome to attend. Teachers are welcome, too! Bring a change of clothes if you wish.


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

**Before School Soccer Program - At Ashmore State School**

Total Football Academy will be running a before school soccer program during Term 4 at 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 Wednesday 22nd October, 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.

Click below to view Total Football Academy information
CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

A COMMUNITY FUN DAY will be held on Saturday 8th November from 10a.m. to 2p.m. at Gold Coast Salvation Army, 157 Wardoo St, Southport. The fun will include free rides, jumping castle, games, sausage sizzle, cold drinks, stalls, activities for under 8's and over 8's, a live band and lots of fun! There is a concert that night as well.

SUMMER CAMP information is now available on my Happy Chappy window. Camps available are

SCHOOLZOUT for Year 7 from 15th to 19th December; CAMP CAPERS for Years 5 to 7 from 5th to 9th January; CAMP 628 for Years 6 to 8 from 10th to 14th January; and UBERTWEAK SUMMERBYTE PRIMARY for Years 5 to 7. Come and ask me for a brochure.

Marg Potter - Chaplain

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DENTAL NEWS

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service has now offered treatment to all classes at Ashmore State School and we have almost completed treating the school.

If your child has not yet been seen and you wish to make an appointment or if your child has missed an appointment and you would like to arrange a new time please telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre on :-

1300 300 850

Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.30pm (excluding Public Holidays)
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