PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**History is about to happen!**

Exciting changes await our Year 6 and 7 students this year, as 2014 marks the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland and our current Year 6 students will become the first group of Year 7 students in high school.

To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents and working with our local high schools to ensure the move is a great success.

As a result of the introduction of the Prep year, almost half of our current Year 6 students will turn 13 in 2015 and
will be in their eighth year of school, which is traditionally the right time to start high school. Over the coming weeks and months we’ll be sharing more information with you, to help you and your child prepare for the move to high school.

We are confident that all of our students will experience a smooth and successful transition to high school. If you would like more information on the move of Year 6 & 7 to high school, you can also visit

www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au

**International Visitors**

This week students and teachers in various classes hosted visitors from Chow Shun Kam Primary School in Hong Kong. This is the second of such a visit this year with a number of future visits planned for students from other parts of the world. The benefits to our school of such visits are the important interactions with international students and our children including social interaction through conversations, classroom activities and celebrations of the visit. As always Mrs. Simone Hellsten, our P&C Administrator organized the visit liaising with Education QLD International and preparing the welcoming and farewell function. Thank you Simone for your untiring effort in this important aspect of our school life.

**Our Report Card**

Today the School Annual Report (SAR) will be uploaded to our website. The document can be likened to a school’s report card. All QLD state schools must complete their Annual Report by 30 June each year. I encourage you to view the contents of our School Annual Report as it provides insight into our successes and challenges for the year and our intended actions for the forthcoming year. You can access the Ashmore Annual Report at www.ashmoress.eq.edu.au

**Respect for our neighbours**

Recently I was contacted by a resident who lives in Warrawee Road. She expressed her concern about cars parking across her driveway before and after school, blocking access to her home. In the spirit of goodwill and consideration please avoid parking on our neighbours’ driveways when you collect your children from school. It could also save people a few dollars should the parking police visit that area.

**Keeping our school safe**

It is a fact of life that during holiday times, schools often become a target of those who do not appreciate the value of school facilities and resources. Our school is no exception but with your help we can minimize and even eliminate vandalism on our premises. To the parents who live on the boundaries of our school, thank you for your vigilance. You have either intercepted or prevented damage on a number of occasions. If you see any suspicious behavior on our schools grounds at any time, not just during holiday breaks, please call School Watch on 131 788.
In closing I wish everyone a safe and happy mid year holiday. To those families who are moving on, I wish you every happiness and success in the future and to those who are preparing to join us, I look forward to meeting with you in Term 3.

**Thought for the fortnight**: “The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

Warm Regards

MARGARET JAMES

Principal

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY**

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

Staff profiles for the fortnight.

Let’s celebrate and recognize:

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**Mrs Robyn Martin**

Robyn commenced at Ashmore State School mid 2009 as a part-time Support Teacher – Literacy and Numeracy (S.T. - L. & N). During her four and a half years with us to date, Robyn has continued in this capacity; however, she now teaches full-time at Ashmore School. Before beginning in this role, Mrs Martin undertook a number of short contracts with us across a variety of year levels. Before Ashmore, Robyn taught at Brookstead, Mt Warren and Caningeraba State Schools, Marymount College and Griffith University.

As well as her important work as Ashmore’s S.T. – L. & N., Mrs Martin supervises and organises our extremely successful “Link It” Programme across the school. She also is one of the invaluable staff members who teaches many year levels in this programme. Mrs Martin mentors many Teacher Aides; and supports classroom teachers with advice on how to personalise teaching and develop literacy and numeracy skills. She also is an integral member of the school’s Special Needs Committee.

When asked what she especially enjoys about teaching at Ashmore State School, Robyn comments that she greatly enjoys working with students to support and extend their improvement in learning. She especially loves their ‘light bulb moments’. Robyn also values interactions with her fellow teaching peers.

Mrs Martin is married with three children – Jessica, Courtney and Ryan.
In her spare time, Robyn keeps super-fit by visiting the gym and participating in competitive dragon boat racing. Next term Robyn is travelling to Italy and Greece for the World Dragon Boat Racing Competition – WOW!! She has always enjoyed travelling, so this trip will combine two of her great loves.

We wish to thank Robyn for her wonderful four and a half years to date at Ashmore State School. Her dedication and commitment to supporting our students and staff are greatly appreciated. As the originator, supervisor and key member of our ‘Link It’ Team and Programme - a special big thank you, Robyn … and best wishes for the World Titles next term.

**Ms Anoushka Delaney**

Anoushka commenced at Ashmore State School from the beginning of Term Four 2012, as a General Classroom Teacher. Prior to this, Anoushka carried out her final two practicums with us during 2010 and 2011. During her ‘pracs’ she taught Year 6/7; and also undertook a ‘prac’ as a Specialist Teacher for Physical Education. Since commencing with us following her graduation from Griffith University, Ms Delaney has taught Year 1 Class and Year 4. This year Anoushka is teaching Year 4C.

Other special duties carried out by Anoushka include Junior Dance last year and “Fitter, Faster, Stronger”. Anoushka also is a valuable member of the school’s EATSIPS Committee (Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Perspectives in Schools).

When asked what she especially enjoys about working at Ashmore State School, Anoushka comments that she greatly enjoys sharing her passion for learning with students. She particularly enjoys Teaching English.

Ms Delaney had decided early on her life she wanted to be an archaelogist. She definitely decided she was not going to be a teacher, as her family already had too many teachers – her mother, her father, her aunties, her uncles and her grandparents! Obviously things changed somewhere along the line!

We wish to thank Anoushka for her wonderful contribution to the teaching and learning of our students in her care, to date, at Ashmore State School. We are glad she became a teacher, rather than an archaelogist!

**Year 5 Camp Date Claimer**

**What** - “Sport and Leadership Excellence Overnight Camp” – meals included

(Activity may include sailing, stand-up paddling, concert and movie night, team-building, initiative games)

**When** - 29, 30 and 31 October (2 nights)

**Cost** - $200

Further information will follow in the weeks ahead.

**Special Request**
Could parents please ensure that if you are waiting in the covered areas near classrooms in school time and have young children, that the children remain near you and wait quietly please. This is so classes aren’t disturbed and the students can focus on their learning. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Spare Uniforms**

If any families have old school uniforms that children have outgrown and no longer use, our spare clothes supply is very low.

Should your child have been lent a spare set of clothing, it would be appreciated if this could be returned. Unfortunately the items we did have available for lending, have not be sent back.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- AMANDA FRY**

**WAKAKIRRI UPDATE**

Our final ticket order was sent away this week. Doors open at the Logan Entertainment Centre at 6:45 for the audience members with the performances commencing at 7:15 p.m. We do not find out until the day in what order we will perform. A list is posted in the afternoon to inform us of our order. The performances will conclude by 9:15. Our bus will depart after that time as we are required to remain until the end and ‘bump out’ the Centre. This means we will be back at school by approximately 10:30 p.m.

We are having a semi-dress rehearsal this Friday. As a result we will have a wish list of those costume items we still require. We are also looking for a qualified spray paint graffiti artist to help with our large backdrop screens. If you are one or know of one please contact us with some urgency.

Early next term we will be posting descriptions of the hair requirements for each group. Make-up will be done on the day at the event which forms part of the competition. There is as much judging behind the scenes as there is on stage. We aim to win the Best School in Public Award for backstage behaviour and co-operative practices.

Mind you – we aim to win EVERYTHING!

**DANCE UPDATE**

Our Junior Dance team has finished their routine and will practise every second Tuesday leading up to the Eisteddfod performance on MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER at 1:00 p.m. Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Campbell and I will be travelling to Brisbane during our holidays to select and hire the costumes for the girls. More details regarding transport shoes, make-up and hair will be forthcoming closer to the performance date. The Junior Dance team will also be participating in ‘Danc-eD in the Spotlight’ on Friday 24 October. This is day time rehearsal with a performance at night. This is a showcase of Dance Programs throughout the Gold Coast and not a competition.
The Senior Dance team has finished their routine with girls selected to perform at the Eisteddfod on MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER at 5:30 p.m. The Senior Eisteddfod team will rehearse on alternate Tuesdays until the Eisteddfod. A detailed note regarding transport, shoes, hair and make-up requirements will be forthcoming closer to the performance date.

Please remember that ALL Senior Dance girls will perform at ‘Dance in the Spotlight’ on October 24. This is a day event with bus transport to and from the venue for technical rehearsals, workshops for students, special T-shirt and a performance at night.

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER- MRS PETA DONOGHUE

FACILITIES

Security – With the amount of vandalism that we suffered, we have installed security cameras and signage around the school. We have also employed the Security Dog Patrol to service the school as extra security. If you see anyone on or around the school grounds that should not be there, could you please call School Watch on 131788.

FINANCE

Student Resource Scheme - don’t forget to hand in your Student Resource Scheme forms and payments to the office.

School Payments

If you are paying any monies over the internet to the school you DO NOT need your child’s ID#. In the reference section when on the internet section, just put your child’s name, class and a quick word that relates to what you are paying for.

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 school’s bank account by the due date. Thank you for your co-operation 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 who is looking for hire facilities please pass on this information. You can contact me or Kate Grevett on P:56561333

**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 have 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](tel:0756561360). 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.

**Change of Contact Details** – Just a reminder that if you have changed any of your contact details or emergency contacts could you please ensure that you advise the office immediately, so that we can ensure we have up to date details for every family. It is very difficult to contact parents or emergency contacts if we have old information.

**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 implemented 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

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**BANKING DETAILS**

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


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**GUIDANCE OFFICER - MICHELLE DAVIES**

Let’s Celebrate the Greatness in our Children
With holidays on the way again it's time to really tune into and celebrate the greatness in our children.

Sure our children are still learning and they will all make plenty of mistakes as they grow. However, by tuning into what they do right and letting them know how much you value and appreciate their maturity when they choose to do the right thing, you are sending them a very clear message regarding the character traits that you treasure and attach real importance to.

All too often we only tend to tune into what our children do wrong. We pay most of our attention to their mistakes and inappropriate behaviours. Unfortunately, when children receive adult attention for their inappropriate behaviours and poor choices they will often start to exhibit even more of the same just to get your undivided attention.

**Catch them being good**

Over these holidays why don't we all set a new goal – that of trying to "catch our children being good" and really tuning into their positive behaviours instead?

Praise your child often and let them know exactly what they have done well. Spend some time really acknowledging them when they have done something kind, thoughtful, caring or cooperative. By telling your children how much you admire these great qualities in them, you are helping them to identify their own greatness.

**Be Careful what you pay attention to**

Research shows that children will usually tend to amplify the qualities and behaviours that adults pay attention to and tune into. Catch them when they are being helpful or when they are showing perseverance. Praise them when they are being truthful or when they are helping a sibling. Catch them when they are putting in some extra effort to complete a project or when they have followed a direction without arguing. Tell them straight away how much you appreciate it when they display these more mature behaviours and tap into their own greatness.

We need to start paying more attention to the positive and appropriate behaviours our children exhibit. As we tune into their good behaviours more regularly, and praise them for their effort, it is likely we will start to feel more upbeat and positive ourselves. By catching our kids being good we will begin to see their greatness more clearly and to encourage them to see it too.

For more information on celebrating our children's greatness you might like to read the following articles on the net.

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-behaviour/discipline/catch-them-being-good

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging_good_behaviour.html

http://www.parenting.org/article/catching-kids-being-good
RESOURCES CENTRE

Looking for something to do during the holidays? This is a perfect opportunity to encourage your child to curl up with a good book. Not only will they learn some amazing things about the world we live in, it's a brilliant way to be entertained and expand vocabulary.

Why not make this experience count even more? If students fill in the reading log for “The Premier’s Reading Challenge” they will receive a certificate at the end of the year.

During students’ school years, it's a good idea to start a portfolio of achievements. When young people start looking for holiday employment they may have the edge when they present a collection of achievements and certificates which indicate they are self-motivated, able to set goals and achieve their personal best.

Reading logs can be downloaded from our website. When completed they need to be handed in to the Resource Centre before the 5th September.

Happy Reading!

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...June

**Interschool Sport** – Ashmore State School has been well represented in the Gold Coast North District Sports Gala Days. We had 3 teams play in Grand Finals and they were Senior A Soccer, Junior B Soccer and AFL. The Junior B Soccer Team and AFL Team were both victorious and are now the Gold Coast North District School Sports Premiers for 2014.

As more results come in I’ll pass on final overall placings for our school teams.

A Huge THANKYOU to each of our coaches for putting in the time and effort for each of the teams. Thanks also to the parents who came along and supported games and especially to our students for the great sportsmanship and dedication that you have displayed.

**New Sports Team Uniforms** – Our school P&C have sought sponsorship from local businesses to assist with the purchase of new uniforms for each of the interschool sporting teams. Most Jerseys have already
arrived and our teams look sensational. A HUGE THANKYOU to our hard working P&C in helping all of our sports teams to look great on the sporting fields.

**Sport Jersey Return** – All students who participated in interschool sport must return school jerseys to their coaches.

**Swimming** – Ashmore will be offering swimming lessons through the PE program again this year. The lessons will be at Nerang City Pool and transportation will be by bus. Swimming is a required component of the PE curriculum. The lessons will be scheduled during weeks 8 to 10 of Term 3 in the month of September. A cost breakdown will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3. Fees for the week long intensive lessons will be due by Friday 15 August and projected cost will be around $40 per student.

**Athletics Carnival 2014** – see proposed dates for Athletics Carnival for Term 3.

- Senior Athletics Carnival - Tuesday, 15 July & Wednesday, 16 July
  - Parent volunteers needed. Please email Mr. Mallyon (bmall10@equ.edu.au) if you are able to offer assistance.
- Junior Athletics Carnival – Thursday, 17 July
- Back up day – Friday, 18 July

**Tag** - Tuesday June 17th saw 23 girls from years 5/6/7 attend the NRL Development day to promote girls in league. The girls played 3 pool games of League tag and then a cross over final. Ashmore Blue who were in a tough pool drew 2 games and won 1, going on to play off for 3rd and 4th place, winning their final 6-0. Ashmore White lost all of their pool games and went on to win their final finishing 7th overall. During the day, the girls were talent ID, as possible members of the South Coast U12 league team, Samara C, Michellie P, and Caitlin C were invited to trial after the school holidays.

The girls were proud to shine in their new school sports shirts.

Thanks to Mrs Campbell for taking the teams to the event and a special thank you to Po Pohutuhutu for taking on the role of coach when both teams played at the same time. Also a big thank you to the parents who stayed on to support.

**Running Club (a.k.a. Running Club)** - 8:00am to 8:40am. Students from all grades and parents are welcome to attend. New participants are always welcome. Bring a change of clothes if you wish. Thank you to all parent and teacher volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Once again, our holidays have arrived and we all have a great chance to step back, relax and take time for a movie, a day at the beach and some fun family time. Enjoy!!

I really want to say a HUGE thank you to the lovely person who dropped off two supermarket bags full of toiletries for the farmers’ wives at Quambone in New South Wales. On their behalf, thank you for your amazing generosity.

Marg Potter - Chaplain

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P&C MEETING: The next P&C meeting of this year will be held on Monday July 21 at 1.30pm 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.

BUNNINGS BBQ – All went well with the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday – sausages sold out and we had loads of hard working helpers – Ron Odle was there all day, and special thanks to Ivan Russell, Alana George and her mum Gillian, Louise Ware and Denita Boler. All funds raised going towards our Junior Playground Project.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE: Thank you very much for everyone’s efforts in our Chocolate Drive. If you still have monies outstanding, please bring them into the tuckshop as soon as possible. We have had some outstanding sellers – and we look forward to presenting them their prizes after the holidays.

ASHMORE SS CAR BOOT SALE: Come and get a Bargain!! Our next one will be on:

Saturday June 28th
6.00am – 12.00pm

We’re only charging $10 for you to come along and sell your wares from your Car Boot. Come along on the day and see Ivan Russell, our P&C’s Qld Representative, he is contactable on 0401813149. The P&C will be running a Sausage Sizzle.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION – Do you want to help the P&C but don’t have the time spare to volunteer for our events? You can make a voluntary contribution at your leisure via Flexischools. Just login into your account and start a new order then select the ‘Donations’ tab to make your contribution. All monies raised this way are going to the renovation of our prep playground area and we will be very pleased of your assistance.

Ashmore P&C
pandc@ashmoiress.eq.edu.au

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PARENT COURSE
Village Family Support Program is running ‘1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching’ parent course. The courses cover strategies and increases confidence of parents in managing children’s challenging behaviour, while teaching children to better manage their emotions and frustrations. Attached is the flyer with details of the program commencing Wednesday evenings in July, or Saturday mornings during September 2014, contact Nikki at Studio Village Community Centre, located off Exit 62 for more information or to discuss your needs. Nikki, as Family Support Worker also offers individual support for those who need someone to talk to for information, advice or referral, including 1-1 parent courses, call between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday for an appointment: phone 5529 8253, or email family@studiovillage.com.au
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING

PARENT COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old is being held at Studio Village Community Centre at 87 Village Way Studio Village on Wednesday Evening or Saturday Morning.

5pm to 7:30pm or 9:30am to noon
Starting On
30 JULY 2014 or Starting On
6 SEPTEMBER 2014

Learn:

✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee?
The course costs $15.00

Register for this course contacting Nikki Condon at Studio Village Community Centre on 07 5529 8253

What people are saying?
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

For more information contact Nikki
phone: 5529 8253 email: family@studiovillage.com.au

Who’s running it?
The trainer for this course is Nikki Condon who completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 30 May 2010. Studio Village Family Support Worker, Nikki has worked with families, children, young people including teen mums, and the community since the 1990’s with a special interest in building parents confidence to raise happy children.

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au

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**SEASON 2014/2015 PRICES**

- **REGISTRATION:** These are the costs for the entire season.

  - TINY TOT: $60
  - UNDER 6: $100
  - U7-U17: 1ST Athlete - $110
              2nd Athlete - $105
              3rd Athlete - $100

- **CLUB LEVY:** $50 Every athlete MUST pay this with registration.

- **UNIFORM:** Shirt $40, Shorts $30
              Set $60 (to be confirmed)
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