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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Three years ago we introduced the Ashmore State School Swimming Carnival and each year it has grown bigger and better. It was wonderful to see so many of our students competing, trying their best and enjoying each other’s company in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Equally it was pleasing to see so many parents and friends cheering on the sidelines and being part of this wonderful event. Once again Mr Green, a parent at our school, offered his time to assist in the running of the carnival. On behalf of Ashmore State School, thank you Mr Green for your support.

Most importantly, congratulations Mr Ellis for the way in which you designed and coordinated the event. Your expertise and professionalism is highly valued at our school and you provided another excellent opportunity for students to once again shine.

Students Leading the Way.
Our students have been engaged in assessment of their learning during the past few weeks and our teachers have been hard at work writing the end of year reports. I encourage you to contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child’s progress this semester.

Once called ‘teacher/ student /parent interviews” we now refer to these meetings as Student Led Conferences. This makes sense because after all, it is all about the student. At the conference your child can take the lead showing you examples of their work and discussing their goals and the strategies they have used to continually improve. Some students have digital portfolios to share and all have their personal improvement plans. This is an opportunity for students to share successes and challenges with the people who matter most to them whilst at the same time build their confidence and reflection skills.

**It’s Not Okay to be Away**

As the school year draws to a close we can sometimes see a decline in attendance. I encourage all students to ensure they attend school every day until the last bell on ‘break up day’. There is work to be done in preparation for next year and, in the case of Yr. 7 students and those leaving us in Yr. 6 to attend junior secondary school, there are many activities planned.

**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.” Tom Bodett
American author

**BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER- MRS PETA DONOGHUE**

**Facilities**

**New Playground** – I am extremely excited to announce that the new Middle School Playground will be installed during the Christmas Break! Thanks to Simone from the P & C Association for her organisation and applying for all the funding to make this happen. The playground is costing around $90,000 and will give the students of Ashmore SS the most amazing facility to explore and have fun.

**External Painting** – Nearly there! In the Christmas holidays the remainder of the school will be externally painted. The blocks will be the Old Prep, C, D, F, both demountables on the hill and both toilet blocks. This has been a long time coming but we have finally got there.

**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 behind the demountables at the back of the school. When
you get a chance to have a look they are amazing. 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.*

**Thunderbirds Club** – I'm not sure if everyone is aware (I know the students are) but our Thunderbirds Club has had a revamp and it looks fantastic! A huge thank you to Simone from the P & C Association for organising it all and to Garry (Schools Officer) for getting the area cleared for the concrete to be laid. We have had the entire area concreted and a special sand pit put in so that we don't have an overflow of sand throughout the area and 3 brand new aluminium bench seats, new ping pong table and some pod seats that hang from the rafters for the students to enjoy. If you get a chance pop your head in and have a look. The students love it!

**New guttering** – During the coming weeks there will be new guttering installed around the school. There will be safety fencing placed around different areas so please take care when entering the areas.

**Finance**

**Student Resource Scheme** – By now you would have received your Student Resource Scheme participation form for 2014 (please see Admin if you didn't get your copy). If these are returned before the end of the year it would be greatly appreciated. Remember that even if you are not participating, we still require the form back stating that you are not participating for audit purposes. If you have any questions regarding the scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.

**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 me or Brigitte Blakeway 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 this seems to be the most common message?. 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
BANKING DETAILS

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

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RESOURCE CENTRE

As we approach the end of the year we would like to remind everyone that all borrowed books must be returned. Classes will be given a list of students who have outstanding books and students who are unable to find their books will be given an overdue notice. If you are unable to find the book or if it has been damaged, payment can be made at the payment window in the Administration Block on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between the hours of 8:15 – 9:15.

Students need to have no outstanding books to continue borrowing in 2014. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Book Club

We are expecting the arrival of Book Club. Orders will be delivered to the classes as soon as it arrives.

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

A CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION for children from 0 to 16 years of age is now running at school. The new 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 new toys to the Chaplain’s desk in the Student Services building before the end of November. Thank you so much for helping these families.

The annual R.E. CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 11:30 in the Hall for students for years 1 to 7 who attend weekly R.E. lessons. The concert is free and is produced by an illusionist who “travels back in time” to discover the real meaning of Christmas. Parents are welcome to attend.
We have all seen the shocking devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. At this time of year as we approach Christmas, think about the people of Philippines and seriously consider making a donation to World Vision’s appeal for them at www.worldvision.com.au

Marg Potter - Chaplain

P & C NEWS

AFFORDABLE SCHOOL SHOES

KMart are selling black school shoes at a very affordable price of $6.00

P&C MEETING – The first P&C meeting of 2014 will be held on Monday February 17th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YR 7 GRADUATES – We would like to wish our graduating Yr 7 students all the very best with their plans for high school, and a wonderful future.

TERM 4 ASHMORE MATTERS – for all your latest P&C information see Ashmore Matters on the school website - www.ashmoress.eq.edu.au, and on the Qschools App – so much better going electronic!

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

2014 BOOKLISTS – Full Bookpacks can be prepaid either in the tuckshop or on Flexischools. Delivery will be on Jan 23 & 24, 8.00am till 12.00.

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 Thursday & Friday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00am.

BOOK COVERS - Ashmore State School P&C Association has a number of ‘Community Partner’ businesses who work with us. If you would like to purchase Bookcovers from Ez Covers this year, please click below on how our school can benefit.

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...NOVEMBER

Swimming Carnival – 27 November

- Everybody’s a Champion at Annual Ashmore Swimming Carnival
- The Annual Ashmore Swimming Carnival was a tremendous success this year with 280 participants. Congratulations to all year 4-7 students who competed at the event. Thank you to all staff helpers. Without your expertise and support, the carnival would not be possible. A thank you to all house captains for your help during the day.

Another thank you to Brett Green and his four student leaders from Helensvale High School for their extra support. Lastly, a thank you to Bridget Roberts for her many, many jumps into the pool.

- House Results:
  - First – Cotlew 800 points
  - Second – Currumburra 719 points
  - Third – Yangoora 645 points
  - Fourth – Warrawee 603 points

- Due to shortage of time, girls and boys age champion trophies were given out at the Senior Assembly on 28 November. Congratulations to all winners! The results are below:
  - 2000 Girls – Kate T 7B Currumburra
  - 2000 Boys – Cooper W 7D Currumburra
- 2001 Girls – Jasmin F 7B Cotlew
- 2001 Boys – Cameron H 7B Currumburra
- 2002 Girls – Amy Jessop 5B Currumburra
- 2002 Boys – Max P 5/6D Cotlew
- 2003 Girls – Tiana C 5A Cotlew
- 2003 Boys – Blake F 5C Yangoora
- 2004 Girls – Marina B 4C Warrawee
- 2004 Boys – Kai B 4C Warrawee

**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

**Congratulations**

Well done to Luke P (7C), who after 8 1/2 years of dedication, self discipline and extreme motivation has passed his Black Belt Grading on the weekend in Teakwondo Self Defence. Luke is the youngest to receive a Black Belt at 12 years of age.

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

- Only 1 Week Left of Fitter, Faster, Stronger
- There will be no fitness on 12 and 13 December (the last two days of school)

**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.

relli129@eq.edu.au
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 3rd 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
Mrs Sullivan
Mrs James
Ms Fry

Strings Teacher
Strings Teacher
Principal
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 "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.

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CAROLS ON THE BEACH
CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL  VALLEY XMAS FAIR

Sunday 1st December, 9.30am – 2.00pm

Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding,

Jumping Castle, Market Stalls, Food & More!

STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10

1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley

Phone: 5533 0312  Email: alock16@eq.edu.au
SURF SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Walkin’ On Water Surf School is again very excited to be hosting the 2013 Girls Go Surfing Days at Greenmount Beach on the 7th and 8th of December.

We have sessions scheduled at both 9am and 11am QLD time on both days. All our surfers will receive a FREE Girls Go Surfing show bag. It is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all ages and abilities to come and learn to surf and surf in a girls only environment.

It will be a super fun event and an excellent opportunity for girls to get into surfing at the beginning of summer. Spaces are very limited and bookings are required.

To book and confirm a place, please call Walkin On Water on 0418 780 311.

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