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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Bigger Picture

Last week we welcomed parents, relatives and friends into our classrooms to help us celebrate Education Week. I trust that everyone who took the opportunity to join in activities saw something happening in our classrooms that were not obvious in classrooms of previous generations. The change is mainly based around the manner in which teaching and learning occurs today which is strongly influenced by the vast amount of quality research that informs educational practice.

At Ashmore our teachers employ the strategy of the Gradual Release of Responsibility where in the first instance the teacher gives explicit instruction on the concept to the whole class. This is called the “I do” phase. Once students indicate that they understand the concept they move to small group work known as the “We do ‘phase. The final stage occurs when the students are confident to perform the task associated with the learning independently. This is when the “You do ‘phase is reached.
Our teachers are focussed on students becoming independent learners to enable them to successfully work within our technological world where knowledge doubles every 12 months (and where it is predicted that shortly it will be every 12 hours). Essentially we are developing a learning place of inquiry where collaboration between teachers and students occurs valuing everyone’s contribution and co- construction of knowledge is the norm. We also work to broaden students’ interests taking into account that, whatever the learning experience, the whole person is always involved (body and mind, feelings and values together with rational thinking). Additionally our classrooms are places that provide for the growth and self-determination of each student, encouraging them to focus on the big picture of being knowledge builders.

The Sound of Music

Congratulations to our Music Teaching Team for leading their students to exceptional success at Fanfare this week. The commitment of our students to Band and Instrumental performances resulted in them being presented with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. What a wonderful result! Music teachers and students, you have once again shown everyone concerned that you are Proud to Shine!

Excellence in Writing

Ms Regan Veivers conducts a writing club at lunchtime for students keen to develop their writing skills. As a result one of our students, Madison G in Yr. 4, has been awarded the Certificate for Excellence in writing in the Writing 4 Fun competition offered to schools across the Gold Coast. There were 11,500 entries and Madison was placed in the top 4% of those entries! Congratulations Madison and thank you to Ms Veivers for providing such a wonderful learning opportunity to the students.

Student Led Conferences – On line bookings

With our move to utilising technology at a greater degree in our school, the booking schedule for student led conferences (previously known as student/teacher/parent interviews) will be uploaded to our website at the end of Wk. 8 this term. Parents are asked to go online to book the time you wish to meet with your child and teacher. The booking schedule will close on the last day of this term. Parents who require assistance in using the process or those who do not have access to a computer will be supported in organising their booking through the ICT team. Mrs Hering, our ICT coordinator, has provided further information for you regarding the process later in this newsletter.

MARGARET JAMES

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- LEIGH JOSEY

STARS (School Thanks and Recognition of Staff)

Staff profiles for the fortnight.

Let’s celebrate and recognize:
Ms Kate Madden

Kate commenced at Ashmore State School in June 2007 as a Classroom Teacher. During her seven years with us, Kate has taught both Prep and Year One classes. Something interesting to note is that Kate’s first class of Prep students are now completing their final year at Ashmore – Year Seven. Before Ashmore, Kate taught at Palm Beach State School.

When asked what she especially enjoys about teaching at Ashmore State School, Kate comments that she greatly enjoys watching the growth and development of the children she teaches throughout the school year. This year Kate is teaching Prep C; and she has noticed impressive changes in her students already this year. Kate enjoys helping her students become little readers.

Ms Madden has one son, Xander, who commenced Prep at Ashmore this year. Kate enjoys having her son at the same school as her. In her spare time, Kate loves to play netball. She also enjoys interior design, bike riding, collecting vintage books, spending time at Currumbin Beach and dining out.

We wish to thank Kate for her wonderful seven years to date at Ashmore State School. Her dedication and commitment to our younger students is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Michelle Hughes

Michelle commenced at Ashmore State School in April 2013, as an Administrative Assistant. Before this time Michelle worked at Labrador State School and Helensvale State High School, as an Administrative Assistant in both instances. She has worked for the Department of Education, Training and Employment since August 2008.

When asked what she especially enjoys doing at school, Michelle comments that she enjoys interacting with the children; and helping others in any way she can (parents, staff and children).

Mrs Hughes has two children – Holly (11) and Jack (9). She is originally from New Zealand, but moved here in 1999. In her spare time, Michelle loves to spend time with her family. Having recently built a pool at her house, family time has involved swimming and enjoying this latest addition, before the cooler weather sets in. Michelle also loves travelling; and last year had a wonderful holiday in Thailand.

We wish to thank Michelle for her dedication and hard work at Ashmore. Michelle is always a happy and helpful face at the payment window and front office.

Year 5 Camp Date Claimer

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

Leigh Josey (Deputy Principal).

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - AMANDA FRY**

**Wakakirri Update**

Our performance is almost complete. Dances and songs have been finalised and most costumes have been sourced. As NAPLAN is finished, the students are now rehearsing every Friday from 1:30 to 3:00. They are displaying great enthusiasm and are very supportive of each other. Great patience has also been displayed especially by the crew.

As we get closer to our performance date, we will be extending rehearsal time into the afternoon after school. Plenty of notice will be given when this is going to occur. We will miss one rehearsal on Friday 13 June due to the Stage D Camp.

Our performance is on Friday 1 August at the Logan Entertainment Centre. We will be bussing the students up there mid-morning for technical rehearsal at 1:00. The students will remain at the centre for the rest of the day until their performance that night. We will bring them back to school by bus at the conclusion of the evening. The students will bring their own lunch and water. The school will be providing them with their evening meal (possibly pizza).

Every student has been allocated two audience tickets. The ticket ordering form will be on our website very soon with details of how they can be purchased. If you will not be purchasing your tickets, they will go back into a pool for those who would like to purchase more than 2.

We will be having some whole school fundraising events for Wakakirri – this idea has enabled us to keep the cost down to $25 per participant. Wacky Wakakirri Wild Hair Day will be coming soon as well as a couple of other yummy ideas.

Remember you can always visit the Wakakirri Website for more information about the event. Please contact me if you have any questions and watch this space for ticket ordering details.

**Junior Dance Team Families**
The dance is finished thanks to the very hard work of our wonderful volunteer teachers and student teachers. The girls have been entered into the Gold Coast Eisteddfod and will perform on Monday 1 September (definitive time TBA). Details regarding hair, make up, shoes etc will be provided prior to the Eisteddfod.

The team will also participate in the ‘Danc-Ed in the Spotlight’ Showcase on Friday 24 October. This involves bussing the girls to the Gold Coast Arts Centre during the day for technical rehearsal (along with the Senior Dance team) and then back to the centre that night to perform. A separate permission form for this event will be shared closer to the date.

I have tentatively ordered costumes but am researching hiring them as a cost effective alternative. The cost to cover costumes, entry fees, transport and ‘Danc-Ed’ T-shirt will be $43. All costumes remain the property of the school. All families will be invoiced very shortly. As with every payment to the school - you have the choice of banking online (details below) or paying at the payment window on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings from 8:15 to 9:15.

**Online Banking**

BSB: 064450

ACC NO: 900127

ACC NAME: ASHMORE STATE SCHOOL

REF: CHILD’S NAME/CLASS/REASON  Example: JaneSmith4CJuniorDance

Please contact me on 5656 1333 if you have any questions.

Yours in Dance

Amanda Fry

**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 schools 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 that 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 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.

**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

BANKING DETAILS

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

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW

ROBYN MARTIN-STLaN

Due to changes, the school nurse no longer conducts hearing assessments of a nominated year level on mass (e.g. preps) as has previously been the procedure.

There is however, an option to have your child’s hearing tested for free by Community Child Health. If you would like your child’s hearing tested by a Child Health Nurse at the Community Child Health Centre, in Southport, please phone 5519 2600 for further details and to make an appointment.

Alternatively, Ashmore State Primary School is currently organising a nurse to attend the school to conduct hearing assessments of any targeted students. If you would like your child to be included, please contact your classroom teacher to ensure your child is nominated to receive a free hearing assessment.

RESOURCE CENTRE

**Book Club**

Book Club is due **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Don’t forget we are **unable to collect cash** and all orders must be paid online with your credit card or by phone. If you don’t have a credit card you are able to purchase a money order from Australia Post. This is to be made out to **Scholastic Australia**. Completed orders must be returned to the Resource Centre by the due date.

**Website**
It’s important to keep up to date with everything happening at school. Information is continually uploaded to our website and you can find out what’s happening in our fortnightly newsletters. The QSchools app is available for your phone and this will alert you to any new news items. The free app is available through iTunes or Google Play.

Very soon, our school will be moving to online bookings for Student led Conferences, which are timetabled for the beginning of Term 3. 

*Parent Teacher Online* known as *PTO* is an internet based booking system. Parents will be able to arrange an interview with their child’s teacher at the end of Term 2. When the link on our website goes live, bookings will be open and you will receive a notification through the QSchools app. The first step will be registering on a special link on our website. Parents who don’t have access to computers can visit the Resource Centre (after the link is live) and we will assist you with your booking. There is also a closing date for bookings so it’s imperative everyone books within the time frame.

More information in regard to booking interviews will be in our next newsletter.

Keep tuned!

**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

I want to express my HUGE thanks to the students, parents and Ms. Wells for joining me on Saturday in the K’s 4 Kids Fundraising Walk from Bilinga to Coolangatta. The day was beautiful and we completed the walk in an hour. Well done everybody!
The Salvation Army Book Club is travelling to Quambone in New South Wales on the last week in July to assist farmers’ wives. We are looking for donations of basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo…. and face washers. If you can help, please drop them off at my desk in the Student Services building. Thanks!

June will be Cornflakes, Vita-Brits and Weetbix Month at Breakfast Club. Please drop them off to breakfast on Wednesday mornings. I am very grateful for the number of students from years four to seven who are offering to help with breakfast. As you are Proud to Shine, I am very proud of your community spirit. Thank you!

This Friday 30th is Fatality Free Friday. Their motto: Drive to Survive

Marg Potter - Chaplain

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK...May

**Interschool Sport** – Ashmore State School students have participated in the first 2 days of interschool sport Gala Days. There are still 2 days to go this Monday 2 June and Monday 16 June.

**South Coast Golf Trials** – Good luck to Ben F who will be attending the South Coast Golf Trials this Monday.

**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 break down 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 (bmail10@equ.edu.au) if you are able to offer assistance.
- Junior Athletics Carnival – Thursday, 17 July
- Back up day – Friday, 18 July
**Fitter, Faster, Stronger –** AKA Running Club goes from 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.

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**P & C NEWS**

**THANK YOU** for all the wonderful messages and cards for P&C Day. The Ashmore State School Social Club gave us some gorgeous flowers and chocolates – thank you!! The beautiful cards that were brought to the tuckshop from the children to help us celebrate P&C day last week really touched our hearts. We are truly thankful and extremely grateful that we belong to such a wonderful community.

**P&C MEETING:** The next P&C meeting of this year will be held on **Monday June 16th 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.

**HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN $20,000 FROM PACIFIC FAIR:** Pacific Fair Shopping Centre is giving our school the chance to share in $45,000 cash for our school! All we have to do is spend $75 or more between Monday 26 May and Sunday 22 June at any Pacific Fair store to receive points for our school. If our school has the most points per students at the end of the promotion…we will win $20,000 for our school!
CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE: Chocolates are selling like hot cakes as our school community is doing a fantastic job of supporting our major fundraiser for the year. All proceeds raised are going towards the renovation of our Junior School Playground.

GREAT PRIZES FOR THE BEST SELLING STUDENTS

- 1st PRIZE: $250 COLES MYER VOUCHER + SEA WORLD VOUCHER
- 2nd PRIZE: $150 COLES MYER VOUCHER + SEA WORLD VOUCHER
- 3rd PRIZE: $100 COLES MYER VOUCHER + SEA WORLD VOUCHER
EVERY BOX SOLD RECEIVES A GIVEAWAY PRIZE

The cost of the chocolates ($50) will need to be returned to the tuckshop by Friday 13th June. (Please ensure that the Student’s name and class are on the envelope).

**BUNNINGS BBQ** – We have been given the opportunity to host a sausage sizzle at Bunnings (Crestwood) to help raise funds for our school on Saturday 21st June from 9:00am – 4:00pm. If you can help out at all on the day then please sign up at the link below:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEAA22A4FB6-bunnings

**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 join us 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@ashmoress.eq.edu.au

**HELPING HANDS**

Helping Hands Ashmore Parent Survey - $100 grocery voucher to be won.

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child’s individual requirements, we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.
Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 grocery voucher.
(One survey per family).

Follow this link to complete the survey online;

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VFLK83L

or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you.

The survey will close on Friday 27 June

We appreciate your assistance.

**SHOTOKAN KARATE**

*Would your child like to learn karate?*

**Sensei Takeharu Kawamoto**

is teaching traditional Japanese Shotokan karate at

**Ashmore State School**

Sensei Kawamoto is graded 7th Dan Black Belt [the highest in Australia], and has trained many students over the years from beginner to Queensland and Australian Champions!

Everyone benefits in many ways from the teachings of traditional Japanese karate. Learn the importance of respect and discipline while improving your self confidence, getting fit and acquiring a new skill!

**Our dojo teaches non contact karate.**

The dojo hours are: **Tuesday** 3.45pm – 5.15pm, **Thursday** 4.00pm – 5.30pm, and **Saturday** 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

The dojo is situated in the school hall.

**Special Offer to new students…..1st Week Free!**
For further information please phone Barry on 0425 661245.

Kenseikai Dojo

Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

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