Term 1 2016 Calendar

3 March  Prep Parent Teacher Bookings Live on Compass at 12pm

3 March  Fair Meeting 7.30pm Conference Room

6 March  Grand Fair—Second Hand Goods Open Day 11-2pm

7-11 March  Prep Parent Teacher Conferences this week

8 March  Year 6 Parent Meeting: Camp Information 7pm, Secondary School Information with Julie Gilbert 7.30pm and Ashwood Secondary College Principal presents at 8pm.

11 March  Second Instalment School Charges will be deducted via Compass for those that chose a part payment option.

15 March  Sibling Photos 9.00am

15 March  Bookings Open on Compass for Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Meetings 12.00pm onwards and will close at 12pm on Friday 18th Feb.

15 March  School Council Meeting 7.30pm

20 March  Whole School CURRICULUM DAY
          (All students Prep-6 do not attend school on this day)

          Parent/Teacher Conferences 9am-8pm for Years 1-6 only.
          Years 1 and 2-parents and teachers attend meeting.
          Years 3-6- parents, teacher and student attend.

24 March  End Term 1 at 2.30pm

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**Principal’s Report**

‘Have the courage to write badly’. I read this the other day from a well known author. He went on to say ‘Get through a draft as quickly as possible. Hard to know the shape of the thing until you have a draft. Then spend the time shaping and reshaping.’ As educationalists we spend so much time focusing on the end product of our students writing, that we may have lost the art and the luxury of time to spend on ‘shaping and reshaping’ a group of words.

At the recent writer’s forum with Camberwell High School, students from Year 2 to Year 12 all agreed on the elements that help them write and those that hinder. It was surprising to discover that this was not age dependent, but environment inflicted. All students enjoyed the freedom to just write, especially about things they care about, had experience in or enjoyed. Checking spelling or rewording as you were developing and crafting ideas was a hindrance to the creative process. Knowing their audience helped with word choice and a direction of the ideas. Or in the words of this well known author ‘Get through a draft as quickly as possible.’ This is not to say that editing is not an important aspect of writing, but is certainly the last step in the process prior to public viewing.

Student Representative Council will be holding student forums at Ashburton Primary School to gain feedback on the schools new approach to teaching writing. We are looking forward to their responses. Happy writing everyone!

*Natalie Nelson*  
Principal

**Student’s Report**

SRC students received their badges at Assembly on Monday 29 February.  
Congratulations to Jolie S and Timmy P who have been selected as SRC leaders.

2016 Student Representative Council are as follows:  
Year 3: Kurt Z, Millie S, Emily G, Ben S, Snowy E, Ava M, Ben B, Emily D  
Year 4: Isabella D, Spencer M, Lauren Q, Mark T, Bella M, Declan C  
Year 5: Cate G, James L, Liam O, Emilie M, Charlotte C, Stephen M  

**Who knew maths could be so colourful and creative- Factor trees**

Last week we learnt about factors, primes and composites. We drew giant factor trees outside to help us visualise the factors and find patterns. 6CS
Grade 3 Designs
Children studied the attributes of polygons and then worked with a partner to design and create a paper quilt made from hexagons, trapeziums, triangles and rhombuses.

SMILE News
This year the focus is on Responsibility. Everyday children confront choices, some minor, some more urgent or far reaching. In their drive towards independent action, young children inevitably experience the frustrations of not always being allowed or not feeling equipped to make choices for themselves. If they are given too many options and too much responsibility for important decisions before they are ready, some may be overcome and confused. The responsibility for making decisions for oneself is critical for the development of a sense of competence and a positive self image. While independent thinking is to be cultivated, considering alternative points of view of constructive advice should also be recognised as part of the decision making process.
This year children will have an opportunity to tune in to themselves using mindfulness and recognising their ‘bounce meter’, tune into others and how to solve conflict with their friends, and then how to use all of those skills to be the best person they can be... a socially responsible person.

This week students learnt about the ‘I HAVE...’ factors which are external supports and resources which promote the feelings of safety and security that lay the foundation for developing resilience.

I HAVE......
   People around me I trust and who love me no matter what
   People who set limits for me so I know when to stop before there is danger or trouble
   People who show me how to do things right by the way they do things (e.g. role models)
   People who want me to learn to do things on my own
   People who help me when I am sick, in danger or need to learn

Go to www.danielmorcombe.com.au click on safety resources and then activities for children from preschool to year 9. All those activities were shared with the students this week.

Swimming Results
Ashburton was lucky enough to be represented at the Boroondara Division swimming by 12 swimmers. All swimmers competed well, encouraging each other and swimming some really solid times. We had individual athletes and two relay teams compete on the day.
Congratulations to William O who won the breast stroke event and broke the 50second mark with a swim of 49:46. He will now compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional finals.
Thanks to all swimmers and best of luck to William at regionals.
**Smile Awards**

Lachie S 1ET  For his fantastic Show and Share on meerkats. You confidently presented interesting information and made a great poster. Well done!

Erik M 1TD  For excellent listening, manners and work habits.

William B 1LC  For working hard on his learning goals and helping others. Well done William!

Brady S 1SN  For being so hardworking, enthusiastic and helpful in the Pod. A fantastic start to Year 1!

Lily R 2AA  For your continuous effort in class to improve your Literacy skills. It is wonderful to see you enjoying your ‘Book box’ and reading with such enthusiasm. Well done!

Chloe P 2RR  Being persistent with her reading and reaching her first reading milestone with speed and ease.

Archie D 2VC  For his great contributions to class discussions and making us all smile.

Jasmine M 2HL  For being an exemplary Year 2 student by demonstrating active listening skills and possessing a consistently positive attitude to all her classmates.

Madeleine A 3KT  A great effort in writing Sizzling Starts and a well formed grasp and use of interesting vocabulary.

Ben B 3KT  For being enthusiastic, interested and focused on all aspects of his class work.

Elina N 3KE  For her diligent efforts in the classroom.

Flynn C 3KE  For consistently working so hard in class.

Isabella D 4EM  For consistently demonstrating the school values of respect, resilience and responsibility. You continually take a mature approach to your learning and help others when needed. Well done Isabella—you are a great role model to our class!

Hayden T 5DF  For his enthusiastic and mature attitude towards learning. Great start to the year Hayden!

Aarushi M 5DF  For being an excellent contributor to class discussions. Aarushi is a courteous and responsible member of our class!

Eva N 5LP  For her outstanding and brilliant acting during class. Well done Eva!

Harry M 5Lp  For his excellent attitude and hard work when participating in class activities and discussions.

Elli H 6SW  For taking pride in the presentation of her work. Elli is making a huge effort to be efficient and organised. Well done!

Abby H 6SW  For asking questions and contributing to class discussions. Abby is always enthusiastic about learning. Fantastic effort!

Jack R 6CS  For his outstanding commitment to his getting organised and extending himself this year.

Johnathon L 6MB  Using superb manners when working in reading groups.

Bill H 6MB  For being a kind and considerate friend and class member.

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**Second Instalment of School Charges**

The second instalment of School Charges will be automatically deducted through Compass on Friday March 11th. Families who have paid at the Office can pay the balance of their School Charges on or before Friday 18th March at the Office.

For any queries on the above, contact our Business Manager, Trish Griechen

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**Bookclub-Order forms coming home today**

All bookclub orders are due back next Wednesday 9th March
**Term 1 Uniform Shop Dates**

All Uniform can be purchased online by visiting flexischools.com.au, this is the quickest & most effective form of ordering.

**Term 1:** March 15

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**Sibling Photos**

The Sibling photos will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 9.00am
Smash-a-Plate - Plates needed!

It's time to get rid of those chipped plates and mugs lurking in the cupboard. Donate them to Smash-a-Plate at the next 2nd Hand Drop-Off day this Sunday 6th March between 11am-2pm. On Fair Day, test your ball skills by seeing how many plates you can smash!

2ND HAND GOODS DROP OFF DAY

Sunday 6th March 2016
11am - 2pm
(staff car park in front of the Gym)

We plan to fill the entire gym with second hand goods for sale at the Grand Fair so we need your unwanted, outgrown items which are in good condition. So de-clutter your house and help the school at the same time!

We take books, working electrical items, jewellery, garden tools, crockery, fine china, ornaments, pictures, kitchen items, linen, bags, women's and children's clothes, sporting goods (except no bike helmets), cutlery, baskets, toys (no soft toys or McDonald toys).

2nd Hand Books Organiser needed!

If you can help out this Sunday between 11am - 2pm or with 2nd Hand Books please contact Penny.

Penny - 0466 721 599

VOLUNTEERING

We are relying on each family to help out for a minimum of 2 hours on Fair Day - Many hands make light work! Volunteering is booked online or via the office: 

www.vols.pt/eEVvjkv

You can volunteer your time on any stall or if you are not sure where to help out - here is a guide:

Preps & Year 6s Shopping Stalls:
Cakes, Marmaladies, Plant Stall, Silent Auction, Sweets Stall, Tickets & Info

Year 1s and 2s Kids Stalls:
Face Painting, Glamsters & Gangsters, Haunted House, Knock 'em Down, Lob-a-choc, Mystery Bottles, Pirate Dig, Plaster Painting, Show Bags, Smash-a-plate

Year 3s Food Stalls:
Drinks & Icy Poles, Fairy Floss, Souvlakis, French Fries, Sausage Sizzle, Sushi, Snow Cones

Year 4s & 5s 2nd Hand Stalls
If you have any questions contact Sarah on 0411 021 028

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work
Lob-A-Choc

As their Grand Fair contribution, Grade 5 & 6 families are asked to contribute a family block of non-nut containing chocolate. There is a box in the office for chocolate donations. If you prefer, a donation of $4 for the purchase of chocolate for the Lob-a-Choc stall is welcomed (please hand this in at the office). We welcome and greatly appreciate family block non-nut chocolate donations from all year levels. The more chocolate we have the more fun lob-a-choc will be!

Thank you to those of you that have already donated.

We look forward to seeing your children, or you, trying to win the chocolate back at the fair.

Sarah Quin and Fiona Noonan,
Lob-a-Choc convenors
ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRAND FAIR
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Important Dates

Next Fair Meeting
Thursday 3rd March
7:30pm in the conference room

2nd Hand Goods drop-off Day
Sunday 6th March 11am - 2pm

Icy Pole Fridays
$1 each
One icy pole per child
All proceeds go directly to 2016 Grand Fair.
Thanks Cheryl & Carolyn

LAST Call for help...
These are basically supervisor roles on the day - making sure the volunteers know what they are to do.

Soulvakis
French Fries
2nd Hand Books
Contact Sarah Adams on 0411 021 028 if you can help.

Buy your Ride wristband
Buy online at www.trybooking.com.au/CPU
or manually at the School Office
Early Bird Price ends midnight 11th March
All booking enquiries to Peta on 0407 784 721
or johnpeta1@bigpond.com

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