Term 1 2016 Calendar

8-12 February   ‘Getting to Know You’ Parent /Teacher Conferences Years 1-6 Only

11 February      Grand Fair Meeting 7.30pm Conference Room

15 February      GIDSSA Swimming (Selected students only attend)
                 School Captains Announced at Assembly

16 February      School Photos-Order Instructions on Compass

19 February      Mystery Bottle Day—FREE DRESS DAY

22 February      House Captains Announced at Assembly

23 February      Parent’s Association Meeting 2.45pm Conference Room

29 February      SRC Representatives Announced at Assembly

7-11 March       Prep Parent Teacher Conferences this week

20 March         GRAND FAIR
                 CURRICULUM DAY 9am-8pm Parent/Teacher Conferences.
                 Years 1-6 only. Students do not attend school today. Years 1 and
                 2-parents and teachers only attend. Years 3-6-parents, teacher and
                 student attend.

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Being the start of a school year and in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few weeks, it is timely to remind ourselves and children about keeping safe. Below is a list of websites and parent tips provided by Victoria Police, the Office of Children’s eSafety commissioner and the Ashburton PS Travel Plan.

Staying Safe Online
Teaching children about cybersafety is an important endeavour in this day and age. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner provides a range of up-to-date information and resources, coupled with a comprehensive complaints system to assist children who experience serious cyberbullying. There are too many resources to summarise here, but I encourage parents to view the outstanding website https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information

Personal Safety
Students at Ashburton Primary School travel to and from school using many different forms of transport. Some use their legs, travel by train or by car. For some students they may be independent enough to walk home to a supervised house. Teaching children to be aware of their surroundings is important. The Victoria Police have a fantastic Kids Site page, with very helpful information. Below is an extract from the site.
http://www.police.vic.gov.au

In crowds
It is important to stay safe wherever you go, especially if you are alone or without your parents or guardians. There are some very important things you should know to help keep you safe if ever you get lost:
1. know your full name, address and telephone number before you leave your house.
2. if you do lose your mum and dad, stay still, do not go searching for them.
3. ask a police member to help you.
4. never accept gifts from strangers or go anywhere with a stranger.
5. if someone tries to grab you, yell ‘stranger’ as loudly as you can and struggle as much as you can.
6. plan a meeting point with mum and dad before you leave home.

On the train
Victoria Police Transit Safety Officers can be seen at train stations and on trains, and their job is to keep people out of harm’s way. Here are some safety tips for you:
1. make sure you know the safest place to stand while you are waiting for the bus, tram or train.
2. be careful when getting on and off public transport - be aware of what is around you.
3. be respectful of other people travelling on public transport.
4. level crossings can be dangerous. Be sure to look both ways and listen before you cross.
5. you must have a ticket to travel on all public transport.
6. if there are no seats available make sure to stand away from the doorway and hold onto the handrail.

The http://istaysafe.com.au/ website has some very useful kid friendly information about water safety, personal safety and outdoor safety. Below is an extract from the site.
Teaching protective behaviours or ‘stranger danger’ is a delicate balance of raising awareness, without unnecessarily alarming children, or paralysing them with fear. It is equally important to emphasise that the majority of adults are caring, loving and responsible—not ‘bad people’, to globally fear. A stranger is any person that they do not know. What to tell your child about a stranger:

• Tell your child to never ever go with a stranger—no matter what the stranger says.
• Have your child make sure an adult they trust knows where they are at all times
• Encourage your child if they have to walk by themselves somewhere to walk near busier roads/streets
• If ever frightened tell your child to go into a ‘safe place’ like a shop, police station or school and NEVER get into a car with someone they don’t know.
• If they have a mobile phone they should never give their number to someone they don’t know.
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Having explained ‘stranger danger’ or protective behaviour you might breathe a big sigh of relief. However, let’s not relax just yet. Research shows that kids often can quote what mum or dad said very well, but when placed in the situation, they more often still give in.

- At home, role play certain situations with your child, such as pretending mum is sick and that a new person needs to take them home.
- Role play or practise a variety of strategies or other scenarios.
- Try a test in a safe environment at home, such as an unfamiliar friend at the front door.

Research shows that kids often ‘forget’ after a period of time. Thus a yearly family refresher course is very worthwhile.

The Daniel Morcombe foundation also has a great resource for parents. It aims to educate children regarding their personal safety (online and physically) and empower them to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT. This is a very handy resource for parents and has many activities for children to do from Prep to Year 9. It discusses ways to be alert, keeping adults informed of your movements, how to say no and who to report to. It is very comprehensive and user friendly. [http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/)

Car Safety
Driving safely around our school is everyone’s responsibility. Remember children watch and learn from the adults at our school. Be a good role model.

*Children up to nine years old should hold an adult’s hand in traffic.
*School crossings are the safest place to cross the road.
*Model safe crossing procedure: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, and THINK
*Drivers must stop at flagged children crossings if a pedestrian is on, or entering the crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor present.
*Travel east to west down Fakenham road. Set your child down on the school side of the road. Use the rear curbside door.
*Drive as far forward as possible in the drop off / pick up zone in Fakenham Road, it keeps the traffic flowing.
*Plan your trip, don’t change direction of travel, avoid U turns.
*Parking unsafely puts children at risk.
*There are parking restrictions surrounding the school. These signs are used around schools to make the area safer for the users, please observe them.

Signs Around our School
2 minute zone
Outside the school on Fakenham Road is 2 minute pick up zone. You must NOT leave your car. If your child has not arrived in 2 minutes, please rejoin the queue.

No Stopping Sign
This means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason. These areas are on Fakenham Road, Eleanor Street, and Carool Road. Please note that the times of no stopping.

Natalie Nelson
Principal
Student’s Report

Year 5 Prep Pals

Having a Prep pal in Grade 5 is an amazing opportunity. It is like having a younger sibling. We are to them a role model. They do everything we do and follow us around. That is why we have to do the right thing. We do art and craft with them and every week we do activities around a new sound of the week. We have taken them for a tour around the playground. We make sure we teach them the rules of the school and to use their manners. We love having a Prep Pal and we hope they enjoy it too.

By Lydia Collis and Mili Clark

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: February 16 and March 1,15

Bookclub Orders

All Bookclub orders are due back by Wednesday 17th February or you can pay online, see instructions on bookclub booklet.
School Banking 2016
Bank books will be collected from school on **Wednesday** each week. School banking is with Bendigo Bank, if you would like to set up an account for your child, please visit Bendigo bank in High St Ashburton.

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Getting To Know You Meetings

Year 1 – 6
Week beginning 8th February
* Return of questionnaire – COMPULSORY
* Attendance at meeting – OPTIONAL

Dear Parents
Each year Ashburton P S ensures that we maximise the learning of all students by gathering and sharing as much information about each student as possible.

Teachers have already had ‘handover’ meetings where the previous teacher informs them about every student in their class. Individual student files are also passed on and read by the new teacher.

We believe that this process has contributed to the settled and productive start we have already had.

It is now your turn to tell the teacher the things you feel are important about your child.

**Compulsory questionnaire**
On Compass is a questionnaire. Please fill out this questionnaire thoroughly. It will be of great assistance to the teacher. We would like **ALL** families to return this questionnaire as soon as possible.

**Optional Meeting**
If you feel it is necessary to meet the teacher to further discuss the information on the questionnaire you are able to book a ‘Getting To Know You’ meeting which will run for 10 minutes. These meetings will be held in the week beginning 8th February. Teachers will nominate times during before and after school, during their APT and on the evening of Tuesday 9th February. You can book your timeslot via Compass. The sessions will go live on Thursday 4th at 12.00pm.

**March 21 Goal Setting Conferences**
There will be parent/teacher goal setting conferences held on March 21st. These will discuss your child’s progress and set goals for Term 2. Students in year 3 – 6 will also attend.
Ashburton PS Lunchtime Fencing Club

Learn the Olympic Sport of Fencing on a weekly basis, a great introduction to this high paced sport.
Open to boys and girls grade 3 -6
Term 1 Fridays 1-1:50
(February 2 week of term 1)
Location: Hall
Our Fencing Class run by Chris Jones, Australian Fencer and Nationally Accredited Coach.
Minimum 10 students ($100 per student per term).
Enquiries please contact Chris : 0409 013 171 or chris@swordfightersaustralia.com

Cheers Chris

School Choir

Junior Choir
(Years 1-3)
Rehearsals take place the first half of Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Giannaris in the Performing Arts Room. Students will participate in practicing a wide range of songs for a variety of school community performances.

Senior Choir / Uke Group
(Years 4-6)
Rehearsals take place the first half of Monday lunchtime with Ms Jespersen in the Performing Arts Room. Students can choose to just sing, just play the ukulele or play and sing! Many exciting performances are planned throughout the year!
ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRAND FAIR
Sunday 20th March 2016

Helping out with the Fair

It’s not too late to hop on board and help out with the Grand Fair. There are still a few leadership roles that need filling. These roles do not require much organisation before the Fair day but just need someone in charge of the stall to support the volunteers when they do their shift.

- **Show Bags** - These are commercial bags and are replacing Lucky Bags, no work required before the day!
- **2nd Hand General Goods** - if you love a bargain and garage sales then this could be the role for you!

**FOOD STALLS**

Holly & Jonathan are head food convenors but they need a couple of key helpers on the day to look after:

- **French Fries** - previously Hot Chips
- **Souvlakis** - a new exciting replacement for hamburgers
- **Healthy Option** - Sushi

**Other ways to help:**

- **Volunteer on a stall** for a couple of hours - this is scheduled online, the link will go out next week. (It is expected that every family will do at least one 2 hour shift!)
- **Help with Setup** on Saturday
- **Help with Pack up** on Sunday afternoon

If you can help with any of these roles, please contact Sarah on 0411 021 028 or via email below.

**Icy Pole Fridays**

$1 each

One icy pole per child
All proceeds go directly to 2016 Grand Fair.
Thanks Cheryl & Carolyn

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**Important Dates**

- **Fair Meeting**
  - Thursday 11th February
  - 7:30pm in the conference room
  - Everyone welcome!
- **Friday 19th February**
  - Mystery Bottle Day

**Raffle Tickets on sale now!**

- **Return Raffle Tickets: 11th March**
- **FREE ride wristband** for the student who sells the most raffle tickets!
- Extra raffle books are available at the office

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**Become A Sponsor!**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS**

Have you thought about marketing your business to the local area by investing in a Fair Sponsorship package?

If you are interested in finding out how to reach the heart of our local community then phone Amanda Wilson on 0403 120 515.

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**2016 Grand Fair Committee**

- **Fair Coordinator:** Sarah (0411 021 028)
- **Finance & Convener Liaison:** Janine (0410 444 228)
- **Marketing & PR:** Amanda B. (0418 748 310)
- **Sponsorship:** Amanda W. (0408 120 515)

**Email:** grandfair.aps@gmail.com
Weekly public speaking & drama program for children aged 6 - 15

- Leading curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Great teachers
- Loads of fun!

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Glen Waverley,
Doncaster East,
Canterbury, Rowville,
Altona Meadows &
Preston

9572 5249
info@SuperSpeak.com.au

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Invitation....

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program 2017

Parents and Guardians of Grade 6 girls are invited to attend an information evening at the College on Tuesday 16 February at 6.30pm in Mr Milian Hall.

The Accelerated program is designed to cater for the needs of very able students. It differs from the mainstream program by providing a faster paced curriculum with the opportunity to work on more abstract, complex and in-depth material. Learning in core subjects will be accelerated for these students and it is anticipated that most students will complete Years 7-10 in three years, giving them an extended range of options for their final years of schooling.

Applications are now open for entry into Canterbury Girls’ Secondary College SEAL Program at Year 7 in 2017. Please note that applications close on Friday 26 February 2016. Registration for the test can be made at


Contact for further information:
Ms Georgina Pobuta (Assistant Principal) Ph 9810 5999

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Six Days
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FOR AGES
4 YRS & Above

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists

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ICY POLE FRIDAYS

Don’t forget to bring $1 on Fridays for any icy pole, all proceeds go towards the Grand Fair.

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ITALIAN FESTA

3 pm to
8 pm

Come and enjoy a slice of Italy at St Dominics’s Italian Festa on Saturday 5th of March, from 3 to 8pm.

On offer will be an array of Italian dishes and authentic Italian foods including, pasta, pizza, arancini, risottos, Italian doughnuts and pastries. Along with all your usual favourites, BBQ, hot dogs, belly fias and much more.

A selection of local wines and activities for the kids with famous ballerina champion from internationally running a special class for all dancing fans to come along and join in the fun.

All drinks and eats, while enjoying some live entertainment with a voice solo duo and performing some classic Italian songs, several school choirs and the Voice concert, amazing performances. Along with role playing performances, the Tenby City Dance Crew, Jugglers, Italian dancers, games of Turbodog and much much more.

For more details, including rate website discounts and what’s on offer for the latest edition visit www.stdomsfesta.com.
Dear parents and students,

**Ashburton Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 16/02/2016**
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

### ONLINE ORDERING
Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school.

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING
- **Step 1:** Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: [Click Here](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)
- **Step 2:** Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [9RB Z8P XNV]
- **Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
- **Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

### FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS
No envelope required if ordering online

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING
- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [9RB Z8P XNV]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 14/02/2016
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE
**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

- **Step 1:** Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
- **Step 2:** Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- **Step 3:** Payment Method: Select your payment method.
  - Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
  - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 50 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

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Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

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