Term 2 2016 Calendar

15 June   Reports available on Compass at 9.00am
15 June   Bookings go live on Compass **2.00pm** for Parent/Teacher Conf.
15 June   Fundraising Cupcake Stall 3.30pm in the Plaza
17 June   Bookings close on Compass at **2.00pm** for P/T Conferences
17 June   Years 3-6 Melbourne United Basketball Incursion
20 June   Parent Teacher Conferences this week. Teachers will put their individual available times on Compass.
20 June   Late night option till 8.00pm for Parent Teacher Conferences for children in **Years 1-6**
21 June   Late night option till 8.00pm for Parent Teacher Conferences for children in **PREP** only.
21 June   School Council Meeting 7.30pm
22 June   Wednesday Parent’s Association Meeting 2.45pm
22-24 June Year 5 Camp
24 June   End Term 2 — **2.30pm**

**11 July**   **Start Term 3**
19 July   Graduation & Sports Photos (Year 6) & SRC Photos (Years 3-6)
19 July   Years 3/4 Hooptime
26 July   School Council Meeting 7.30pm
27 July   Parent’s Association 7.00pm
10 August Year 7 Placements sent home
10 August Walkathon
17 August School Athletics — Ashy Olympics

Diary Date: School Concert in the evening: Monday 5th September (Surnames A-L), Tuesday 6th September (Surnames M-Z) Details on Booking tickets to come in Term 3.

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Breakfast with the Hon Steve Bracks
It was a great honour to be invited to a breakfast with Steve Bracks, Gill Callister the Deputy Secretary and various other heads of Department of Education and Training. The opportunity was to discuss the impact and implementation of the recently completed funding review of government schools. The recommendations and report titled *Greater Return on Investment in Education* can be located at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/fundingreview.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/fundingreview.aspx)

The opportunity to speak directly and ask further questions was invaluable. The key findings are:
- Funding is critical for success of all students
- New funding formulas will need to be developed to include rural, indigenous, health and wellbeing, social disadvantage and school size loadings
- Thinking of education as an investment in the future rather than an expense will be vital moving forward
- Greater transparency of how funds are used across all three sectors (Catholic, Independent and Government) is required
- The Commonwealth’s Gonski funding agreement for 2018-2019 to be honoured, if not a revised funding model will need to be considered
- How school funding is distributed is confusing to parents, teachers and principals to understand

It will be interesting to see how the seventy recommendations will be reviewed and implemented going forward. If you are interested in understanding further about how funding is distributed I would highly recommend reading the report.

Staffing
Julie Gilbert will continue as Acting Principal of Croydon Primary School for Term 3. You will be informed in due course if there is an Assistant Principal replacement for Term 3.
Vicky Williams will be on Long Service Leave from Wednesday 22 June until 22 July (this includes the holiday break). Scott Bent will be on leave the first week of Term 3. Ms MacMillan will be taking PE for the week. Sensei Ueno will be on leave for the first three weeks of Term 3. Tomomi will be replacing him. She has already completed some observations and hand over has occurred. We welcome her to our community.

*Natalie Nelson*  
Principal

Chocolate Drive 2016
The Grade 3 Class Reps have been working hard behind the scenes on the annual APS Chocolate Drive. Led by Gill Davenport and Jane Gaunson, the Chocolate Drive has raised $3,035 for the school.
To everyone who supported the Chocolate Drive through purchasing a box or making a donation, and to the Grade 3 reps who helped to co-ordinate it, a big THANK YOU.
**Student’s Report**

“On Friday 11th June a Polynesian man called Bernard came in to talk to us. He told us about his many relatives spread across pretty much every continent. The word Mana (Maana) was the main part of his talk. It means: Magic-Hawaii, Thunder-American Indian, Unseen Power-New Zealand.

Bernard showed us five dances, first of which was the hoop dance. He danced with seven hoops and made animal shapes like the bee, butterfly, eagle and snake. Bernard could dance with 21 but it had taken him ten years to perfect it. American Indians do 30-40 hoops at one time. Taya and Zibella (Year 4 & 5) came out from the audience to make the eagle shape.

The second dance was the Poi dance. A poi is a small length of rope with a white ball on the end. You twirl them around your body. Men used to do this dance for the upper body strength but now only women do it. Bernard asked around 15 people from the audience to have a go at the Poi dance.

The third dance was the ‘Haka’. For the Haka, he asked two Grade 6 boys to help him do it. At the very end of the performance, he got the whole group to do the Haka, which was great fun!”

*Cate G, Emilie M, Charlotte C*

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**Trivia Night 2016**

The Ashburton Primary School Parents Trivia Night is fast approaching:

Saturday 6th August, 6:00-10:30PM, School hall. This is the main parent social event of the year, and we hope as many of you as possible can attend. Our theme this year is Rio! Embrace Carnivale, put on your sequins or discover your inner Olympian. Gather a table of 10-12 parents, BYO food and drinks, and get ready to have fun. Water bottles and lollies provided. Tickets are $20 per person.

Ticket sales open **8:30am Friday 17th June** via TryBooking [https://www.trybooking.com/IDDU](https://www.trybooking.com/IDDU)

When purchasing tickets, please note -

1. last year’s event was a sellout, and as such, tables/seats cannot be reserved this year without payment.

2. The best way to guarantee a complete table and sit with the people you want is for one person to buy the whole table ($200 for 10 people).

3. We will accept table names and requests for table companions (in the case of less than 10 people), and will do our best to seat people with their requested groups. This will all be governed however by how quickly the tickets sell.

4. If you are happy to sit anywhere, you can purchase individual tickets for $20 each.

The hall has a capacity to comfortably seat 250 people, so get in quick!

If you have any questions please email the Year 4 Class Reps at [ashburtonps.trivia@gmail.com](mailto:ashburtonps.trivia@gmail.com)

See you on the 6th August.

*Year 4 Class Reps*
LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van will visit our school this year from Tuesday 12th July to Friday 22nd July.

LIFE EDUCATION is an important part of the drug education program at our school. Topics such as healthy eating behaviours, positive relationships and communicating feelings are some of the aspects covered in the Junior School. In the senior classes, Life Education informs students of the dangers of harmful substances such as alcohol and tobacco. There will be a parent information session for Life Education.

The parent information session will be held on Tuesday 12th July from 9.50am – 10.00am in the Life Ed Van. Please indicate below if you are attending this session.

Tania Hosken
Life Education Coordinator

LIFE EDUCATION

I will be attending the parent information session on Tuesday 12th July at 9.50am.

Name: ........................................... Contact telephone no: ...........................................

Please return this slip to the Office by Wednesday 22nd June.

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4. Art 2/23
5. Art 21/28
6. Art 19/28
7. Art 12/28
8. Art 17/28
9. Art 17/23

Tuesdays
11.00am - 12.00pm

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3, 2016
**Mid Year Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Years 1-6 Information:** The Mid Year Parent Teacher Conferences will be conducted during the week commencing June 20th. Teachers will organise conferences during administration and planning sessions and before/after school. There will be an evening session available on Monday 20th June from 3.40-8.00pm for Year levels 1-6.

The Mid Year Conferences are being offered as an option this year. Teachers will indicate on the report if they would like to meet and parents can choose whether they require a meeting. The reports will be able to be viewed on Compass on Wednesday 15th June at 9.00am.

**Prep Information:** The Mid Year Parent Teacher Conferences will be conducted in the week commencing June 20th with a late night option on Tuesday 21st June 3.40-8.00pm. The Prep Mid Year Conferences are compulsory. Prep interviews are compulsory as achievement and learning goals are discussed.

The Conference Booking times will be made available from 2.00pm onwards on Wednesday 15th June and will close on Friday 17th June. An updated Compass Parent Guide on how to make your Parent Teacher Bookings is now on Compass.
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Wednesday 29th June  
Wicked Wednesday: Outdoor skipping, tinny races, BBQ, and more

Thursday 30th June  
Battle n’ Boots: Battaball, Nerf, Zorb, ALL and more

Registration from 9am and pick up at 4pm

WHO: Suitable for all age groups and abilities
WHERE: Ashburton Primary School- Gymnasium
COST: 1 day = $60, 2 days = $110 & 3 days = $160

A great way to enjoy your Winter Holidays!

ACTIVE HOLIDAYS is now approved for the Childcare Benefit (up to 85% rebate available). Please contact us for further details.

Please are limited, to reserve a place, please return form below to Ms Rose. Please include the number of children you wish to enter in each day:

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Wanted:
- You must be bringing your own lunch and drink
- Refillable water bottles are encouraged
- Comfortable clothing and flat shoes
- Insect repellent is recommended
- Any medications
- If you are under 12 years of age please bring an adult

Payment details:
- All fees must be in cash at the time of registration.
- Make cheques payable to "WELS School - Active Holidays"
- No refunds once the program has started

Emergency Contact Details:
- First Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________
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Medical:
- Do you have any medical conditions? If yes, please include details.

Please also complete medical cards for all children with the appropriate medical professionals. These must be submitted to the school nurse at the start of the program.

If you have any queries, please contact WELS Active Holidays.

Please provide the number of children attending: ___________________

Additional information:

Date: ____________________
Craig Family Centre
7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton, 3147

Craig Family Centre is now running Playgroups for 0-6 year olds.
Join our families in your local community to socialise and for the children to learn through play in our indoor and outdoor play spaces. Parents, Grandparents and carers are all welcome to attend.

Sessions:
Wednesdays: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Fridays: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Term 3 Enrolments now being taken.

Bookings and enquiries:
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Saturday 18th June 4.30pm - 7.00pm
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**Go To Rio!**

Ashburton Primary School trivia is joining the Olympics, Peter Allen and Carnival and is off to Rio.

Arrange a babysitter & save this date:
Saturday 6 August 2016
6-10:30 pm

Tables of 10 & 12 and Individual tickets on sale 17 June on trybookings.
Creative Dance and Drama July Holiday Program 2016

What: Creative Dance and Drama workshops facilitated by Georgia Lombard

- Participants will be involved in a variety of dance/drama activities in the workshops.
- Each workshop is different so children can attend multiple workshops.
- Every workshop concludes with a performance.

Where: Tuesday 5th July – Puppets - Year 2 – Drama/Drama
       Wednesday 6th July – Year 2-6 Drama/Drama
       Thursday 7th July – Year 2-6 Drama/Drama

The workshops commence at 9am and finish at 4pm.

Where: Ashburton Primary School Hall, Faleham Rd, Ashburton.

When: Children in Puppets - Year 6

Cost - $15 per day per child

Registration forms can be collected from the office or visit the Creative Dance and Drama website and request a form via the contact page.

If you have any queries or require more information about the workshops please contact creative.danceanddrama.com and go to the contact page.