Term 1 2016 Calendar

29 February  SRC Representatives Announced at Assembly
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.
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
15 March  School Council Meeting 7.30pm
20 March  GRAND FAIR
21 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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I’m pleased to let you know that Ashburton Primary School is offering a free online Parent Helpers’ Induction Course. This is an excellent overview of what to do when helping with Literacy in the classroom. This now replaces the Classroom Helpers course that the school offered annually. We would encourage everyone to complete prior to classroom help. It takes 60 minutes to complete in one sitting.
Log onto www.crystalliselearning.com/helpers/AshburtonPS. The User name and Password will be available via compass.

Learners are able to complete the course on desktops, laptops or tablets, using current versions of all major browsers. However, ensure you have access to a printer from your device prior to attempting the course, as your certificate is only available for printing from the device you complete the course on. Likewise, depending on your browser settings your progress through the course may not be saved if you exit and re-enter, so you are advised to leave the course open on your device until you have completed it. Please let us know if you have any feedback as you start using the Parent Helpers’ Induction course online at Ashburton PS!

Ashburton Festival
This Sunday is the Ashburton Festival. Our Choir and Uke Group students will be performing on the Ward Street stage at 2:30pm.

Natalie Nelson
Principal

Student’s Report

House and Vice Captains received their badges at Assembly on Monday 22 February. Student Representative Council members will receive their badges at Assembly on Monday February 29. It will also be the first assembly for Prep students.

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 decision 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 discover 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.
Being a responsible person means....

✔ When you agree to do something, do it. If you let people down, they'll stop believing you. When you follow through on your commitments, people take you seriously.

✔ Answer for your own actions. Don't make excuses or blame others for what you do. When you take responsibility for your actions you are saying "I am the one who's in charge of my life."

✔ Take care of your own matters. Don't rely on adults to remind you when you're supposed to be somewhere or what you're supposed to bring. You take the responsibility.

✔ Be trustworthy. If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep it to yourself. It's important for people to know they can count on you.

✔ Always use your head. Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head you make better choices. That shows your parents they can trust you.

✔ Don't put things off. When you have a job to do, do it. Doing things on time helps you take control of your life and shows that you can manage your own affairs.

This week students have talked about the ‘I AM...’ factors. These are what children recognise as their personal strengths.

I AM......
   Lovable
   Loving
   Proud of myself
   Honest, fair, responsible, caring, helpful, cooperative, friendly

They have also discussed the ‘I CAN...’ factors. These are what children recognise as their social and interpersonal skills. Children learn these skills by interacting with others. They are also recognising their own talents. Although resilient children aren't deterred by failure, they also relish successes. Their sense of accomplishment and pride gives them the confidence to persevere the next time they face a challenge. Not all children are naturally athletic, artistic, or popular, but every child has their strengths - and it's our job as teachers to draw attention to them. In order for children to truly believe in themselves, they need to experience success.

I CAN......
   Talk to others about things that frighten or bother me
   Find ways to solve problems I face
   Control myself when I feel like doing something not right or dangerous
   Find someone to help me when I need it
   Read, run fast, draw faces etc

You may wish to share your own I AM and I CAN factors with your children.
Smile Awards

Amy R 1LC For the interesting and informative detail she included in her writing. Well done Amy!
Raphael P 1ET For being a fantastic role model to 1ET. You have impressed us with all your super behaviour and hard work.
Emma W 1TD For her excellent weekend writing.
Isabella S 1SN For entertaining us with her descriptive and interesting writing. We can’t wait to hear more!
Yasseen F 2VC For always being a happy, reliable and responsible member of our class.
Lachie B 2AA For your excellent Mascot sharing! You spoke clearly and confidently. Well done!
Luca M 2RR For his exceptional manners. You are an excellent role model and a pleasure to work with.
Kathleen M 2HL For her positive attitude and demeanour over the past few weeks.
Oliver P 3CR Making a seamless transition to Ashburton PS. Keep up the good work Ollie.
Mitchell H 3DS For contributing so well to class and group activities. Well done Mitch!
Ben M 3KE For always being a helpful student in class and showing great initiative.
Imogen I 3KE For always helping out in the classroom and continuously exceeding expectations.
Claudia M 3KT For displaying enthusiasm and diligence in all areas of her work.
Julian D 3KT For always displaying keen interest in all aspects of school life.
Hugh R 4DW For showing initiative in the classroom and making responsible learning choices.
Melanie B 4DW For demonstrating resilience when facing challenges in the classroom.
Tom H 5LP For demonstrating leadership in the classroom, being organised and proficient with all his work.
Lorelei C 5LP Her enthusiastic and mature attitude towards learning. Fantastic start to the year.
James L 5DF For a fantastic start to the year. James is a courteous and responsible member of our class.
Ava B 5DF For her excellent attitude in the classroom. Ava always makes positive learning choices.
Oscar C 6MB Settling in to Year 6 in a responsible manner and trying hard to complete work as well as he can
Nina S 6MB Applying herself to all tasks in a mature and keen manner.
Thomas L 6SW For being a great role model. He has eagerly taken on extra responsibilities around the classroom and at interschool sport. Terrific work!
Oliver M 6SW For being an excellent contributor to class discussions. Oliver is courteous and always listens to others before sharing his ideas. Well done!
Charlotte M 6CS For being a caring and thoughtful member of our grade.

Year 6 Art Work

Year 6 have been investigating the artist Keith Haring and his ‘dance series’ pictures. They recognise the key elements of his work are line, shape and colour. They worked in a small group to create a life size picture of a dance move. As Keith Haring’s art was often in subways the year 6s work has been displayed outside and around the school. Ms Laura Weston
**School Shoe Muddle Up**

Please check to see if your daughter is wearing the same size school shoe.

I have a size 3 and size 4 Clark Indulge
(Mary Jane - velcro strap)

Please contact Sophie on 0412 670 313.

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**School Nursing Program**

**School Nurse Visit**

Belinda Locke, a visiting Primary School Nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending Ashburton PS in the final week of Term 1.

She will conduct the Prep year level health assessments and see other children as requested by their parents or teachers (with parental consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment, to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Envelopes containing the School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) were sent home to the families of all Prep students yesterday.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) who wish their child to be seen by the School Nurse need to complete a referral form that is available at the school office.

*Judy Yorston*

*Student Wellbeing Coordinator*

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**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 1,15

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**Sibling Photos**

The Sibling photos will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 9.00am
折り紙インストラクター (Origami Instructor)

Jasmine (6CS) is now our new Origami instructor. She can make the 3D rose perfectly. Well done, Jasmine!!

I am so happy to be an Origami instructor. I would like to thank all the Origami instructors for helping me the whole way through. I cannot wait to start helping people. (Jasmine)

アシスタント先生 (Assistant Teachers)

We have got three more assistant teachers in this term.

**Yusuke Sensei’s Profile (Wednesday)**
- Name: Yusuke Sakamoto
- Home Town: Tokyo
- Favourite Colour: 黒 (Kuro: Black)
- Favourite Sport: 野球 (Yakyu: Baseball)
- Favourite Food: カレー (Kare-e: Japanese curry)
- Favourite Animal: 犬 (Inu: Dog)
- Favourite Place: メルボルン (Melburn: Melbourne)

**Naho Sensei’s Profile (Friday)**
- Name: Naho Higashidani
- Home Town: Tokushima
- Favourite Colour: 緑色 (Kon-iro: Navy)
- Favourite Sport: バレーボール (Bare-e boru: Volleyball)
- Favourite Food: キムチ (Kimichi: Kimchi (Korean pickles))
- Favourite Animal: オランウータン (Oran-u-tan: Orangutan)
- Favourite Place: 京都 (Kyoto: Kyoto)

**Mona Sensei’s Profile (Friday)**
- Name: Mona Tokushige
- Home Town: Fukuoka
- Favourite Colour: 桃色 (Momoiro: Pink)
- Favourite Sport: バレーボール (Bare-e boru: Volleyball)
- Favourite Food: 納豆 (Natto: Fermented soybeans)
- Favourite Animal: 犬 (Inu: Dog)
- Favourite Place: カナダ (Kanada: Canada)

上野先生 (Ueno Sensei)
**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
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/eEVjv
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, Glarnsters & 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, Souvlakias, French Fries, Sausage Sizzle, Sushi, Snow Cones

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

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

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsors

Only 3 Team Leader Roles Left!
These are basically supervisor roles on the day - making sure the volunteers know what they are to do.

Souvlakis
French Fries
2nd Hand Books
Contact Sarah Adams on 0411 021 028 if you are interested in helping with these roles.

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

Buy your Ride wristband
Buy online at www.trybooking.com.au/APS
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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