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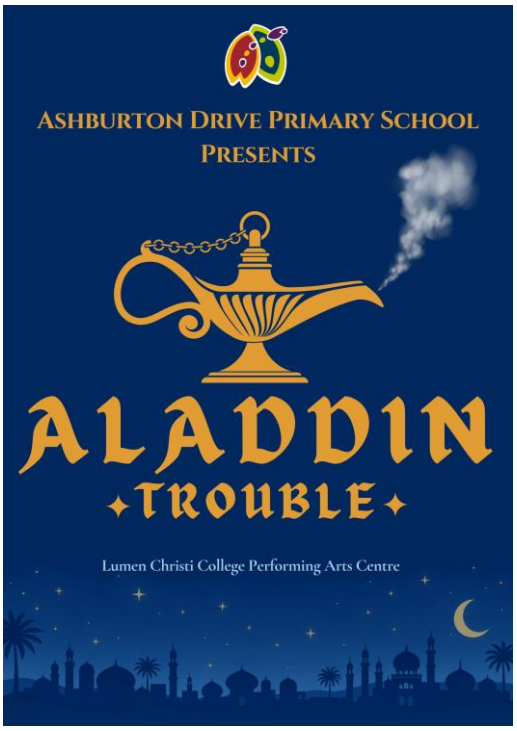
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Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a busy fortnight at Ashburton Drive, with swimming lessons, interschool athletics and preparations for our upcoming musical. Thank you to our students, staff and families for their efforts and support across these activities.

Aladdin Trouble



Our musical, *Aladdin Trouble*, is nearly here! Performances will take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and tickets are still available, particularly for Thursday. We would love to fill the seats and give our wonderful performers an audience to remember. Please come along and support the students as they share the results of their hard work.

A special thank you to Ms Ranasinghe for the time and effort she has put into the production, and to her army of volunteers who have assisted along the way.
Your contributions have made this opportunity possible for our students.

On Monday 9 November, students from Pre-primary to Year 6 have been invited to attend the first performance at Lumen Christi College. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this excursion, and to our P&C for kindly supplying the students with a snack.

Tickets can be purchased using the following link:

Book Your Tickets Here

Swimming lessons

Our two weeks of swimming lessons have come to an end. Each day, the bus driver was tasked with choosing the 'best group' on the bus, and most days he had trouble choosing just one! Well done to our students for demonstrating our school values and representing Ashburton Drive so positively. Thank you also to our staff for their organisation and supervision throughout the fortnight.

Dates to Remember

9th November

Aladdin Excursion PP-Y6

10TH November

World Science Day

11th -12th November

Aladdin Public Performances

11th November

Remembrance Day

13th November

Assembly - Student Leader

13th November

World Kindness Day

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Interschool carnival

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the interschool athletics carnival. It was pleasing to see students giving their best, supporting their teammates and showing good sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported our team.

Planning for 2027

Planning for next year is underway, and accurate enrolment numbers help us establish our class structures. If your child will not be returning to Ashburton Drive in 2027, please notify the office as soon as possible. If you know of families planning to join our school, please encourage them to complete their enrolment promptly.

Placement requests

Families wishing to submit a class placement request for 2027 are asked to do so in writing, outlining the educational reasons for their request. Requests can be emailed to ashburtondrive.ps@education.wa.edu.au or handed to the front office.

Please remember that teachers may move between classrooms and year levels. Class placements involve careful consideration of student learning needs, relationships and the balance of each class. Parent requests form one part of this process, and while we will consider each request, we cannot guarantee that all can be accommodated.

Understanding bullying and conflict

Understanding the difference between bullying and conflict helps us support students appropriately.

Bullying is repeated behaviour that deliberately causes harm and involves an imbalance of power, making it difficult for the person targeted to stop it. Conflict is a disagreement between students who have relatively equal power. A one-off unkind comment or disagreement can be upsetting and needs addressing but does not necessarily constitute bullying.

Regardless of the label, we take student concerns seriously. Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult promptly if something worries or upsets them. Seeking help early gives children the support they need to resolve concerns and build positive relationships.

World Teachers' Day

Friday 30 October was World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise the dedication and care our teachers bring to their work. Thank you to our teachers for the time, thought and effort they put into supporting our students each day. Their work makes a lasting difference to our school community.

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Kindy orientation and 2027 enrolments

Our Kindy orientation program begins on Wednesday 11 November, with classroom activities for our 2027 Kindy students. We look forward to welcoming our newest students and helping them become familiar with their classroom and school.

Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary in 2027 are open. If you have an eligible child and have not yet submitted an application, please contact the front office or collect an enrolment pack. Enrolling early supports our planning and helps families take part in transition activities.

Positive Behaviour Support focus: Weeks 5 and 6

Our PBS focus for Weeks 5 and 6 is **'Do Your Best – Follow Instructions'**. Students will be practising listening carefully, checking their understanding and following instructions promptly. Please support this focus by discussing and practising these skills with your child at home.

Avenues for information

Please check Compass regularly for school notices and information relevant to your child. Updates are also shared through the school and P&C Facebook pages, and our school website at www.ashburtondriveps.wa.edu.au. If you need assistance accessing school communications, please contact the front office.

Kind regards,

Heather Fallo
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Class Item – Room 6

Colour Run

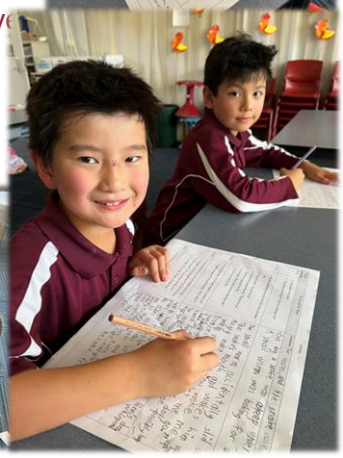
Room 6 had a great start to Term 4 with the school Colour Run. Our students enjoyed running around the oval getting covered in bright colours and having fun with their friends. It was lovely to see everyone joining in and enjoying the experience. The Colour Run was a fun and memorable way to begin the term.



Talk for Writing

In Talk for Writing, our students have been exploring narrative writing and learning how to use dialogue in their stories. They have learnt how to use speech marks and punctuation correctly, as well as verbs and adverbs to make their writing more interesting. Students have been applying these skills to their own story innovations, adding dialogue and descriptive details to their writing.







Grandparents' Day

Our students enjoyed welcoming their grandparents into the classroom for Grandparents' Day. It was lovely to see them spending time together, sharing classroom experiences and enjoying the occasion. Thank you to all the grandparents who took the time to join us and make the day special.



Class Item – Room 6

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students have been exploring multiplication and division through grouping and sharing activities. They have been using hands-on materials, drawings and number sentences to represent equal groups and solve different problems. It has been great to see students becoming more confident in using these strategies and developing their understanding of the connection between multiplication and division.







Health

In Health, our students have been learning about staying safe through our 'Playing It Safe' unit. We have explored sun safety and pool safety, discussing important rules and ways to keep ourselves and others safe. Students have also been learning about emergency services, including who to contact in an emergency and what information they may need to provide when asking for help.

SRSA Interschool Athletics Carnival

Selected students from Yrs 1-6 went to the SRSA Interschool Athletics (A Division) on Thursday of Week 3. 🏃‍♀️ 🏃

Ashburton Drive Primary School came 4th Overall!

Our students had a fantastic time competing in running, jumping and team events. Multiple students had a very successful day, with three students who went home with a medal 🏅

Congratulations to:

-Izak H Yr 5 Champion Boy ✨

-Moreblessing M Yr 5 Runner Up Champion Girl ✨

-Penny M Yr 6 Runner Up Champion Boy ✨

We are proud of our students who displayed excellent behaviour, good sportsmanship and encouraged their peers ❤️ 💙

Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped make the day possible. Thank you to the parents who came to support our school.

From Mrs Walsh









