Close the Gap awareness event
Community members are invited to attend an event this Thursday at 10.00am in our school hall. Close the Gap is an Indigenous led campaign which aims to achieve health equality between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and non-Indigenous Australians within one generation. Guest speakers from Health and Education will be presenting on the day. Community members then invited to have morning tea after the presentations and browse through information stalls from community agencies. We hope to see you there!

Harmony Day
Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong equally to this nation and enrich it. To mark this day students are asked to wear something orange. Students will be participating in activities in class to promote cultural respect.

P&C
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 18 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We NEED as many parents to attend as possible. All community members are welcome to attend.
“There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all.”

Jacqueline Kennedy

Messages for our parents

Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School
Those students who have returned an expression of interest will receive a permission note. At this stage, numbers are yet to be confirmed with the program coordinators. Every effort will be made for students who are interested in guitar and keyboard lessons to participate. It certainly is a bargain at $5 per lesson!

Carnival of the Animals
We have a wonderful opportunity for 28 students in K-2 and 28 students in 3-6 to experience a musical performance of Saint-Saëns’ ‘Carnival of The Animals’.

This performance shows off the variety of orchestral instruments and their clever ability to represent animals using tone, pitch, volume and timbre.

This will be on a first come, first served basis and numbers are strictly limited. The cost is $6 per student. Get in quickly before you miss out!

Stage 2 Excursion- Tashi
This term students have been studying the book Tashi by Anna & Barbara Feinberg & Kim Gable. The Civic Theatre will be hosting a show for students in Years 3 and 4 on Friday 21 March. Students have been given permission notes and they need to be returned by tomorrow 19 March to confirm numbers. The cost for the excursion will be $6.

Important Dates

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Help Required
Kinder Best Start Reports
Kindergarten students were given their Best Start reports which are the result from individual assessments at the beginning of the year. The report contains information on how students can be supported in their learning at home by parents.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) Prac Students
Last week we welcomed first year teachers in training at CSU, in our infants classes. They will join us for one day a week for the rest of this term and Term 2. The program supports CSU students’ access to ‘on the job’ experience to support their studies. Following are a list of students and which classes they are working with:
KR-Alex Angus-Anderson
K/1B- Teagan Payne
1J- Belinda Siebort and Ben Colenso
1/2G- Grace Ferguson
2P- Mitchell Diggins

Aboriginal Education Committee for 2014
We are calling for interested parents or community members to join our school Aboriginal Education Committee. The committee plans significant events throughout the year such as NAIDOC Day and cultural awareness programs offered to students. Thank you to the parents that attended the last meeting. If you were unable to attend, and are interested in joining the committee, please contact Louise Niki or Tanya Whyte.

Moving into Year 7 in 2015.
Booklets were sent home last week to all Year 6 students. These booklets need to be completed and returned to school before the 21 March 2014 to enable all information regarding placements for next year to be forwarded to the relevant high schools.

Change of Clothing
Sometimes accidents happen and students may require a change of clothing at school. We are happy to provide spare uniforms for students but we do ask that you wash the uniforms and return them to school so that they are available for other students to use.

School Photos - Wednesday 26 March
Envelopes have been sent home. All students will need to be in full school uniform. If you would like to order a family photo the envelopes are available from the office.

Literacy News
Spelling Test Next Week!
Everyone is working very hard on their Term Spelling Tests. The tests will take place next week. If you could work on your child’s mistakes from the pre-test we should see a good improvement. If you need another copy on your child’s pre-test, please see your class teacher as soon as possible. Certificates will be awarded to those who make a definite improvement and a special certificate will be awarded to students who get 100%. A 100% party will be held in Week 11 for all students who score 100% along with their families. Make a big effort this week Ashmont!

Crazy Hair Day
The SRC raised $224 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this wonderful fundraiser.

CLOSE THE GAP
You are invited to attend our
Close The Gap
Event on the
20 March 2014
Ashmont Public School Hall at 10.00am
Concert and Information
Morning Tea Provided

JOIN THIS EVENT
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS HEALTH EQUALITY
A Partnership Event between the Department of Education and Communities Riverina Medical & Dental Aboriginal Corporation & Community Health
AWARDS

Class Merit Awards
Tahlia Frost-Hocking
LaShama Williams
Brodie Warner
Braydon Williams
Jamahl Pitts
Jeremiah Fonua
Chloe Corbett
Tyler Allen
Ebony Warner
Zahra Crampton
Leeroy Fangalahi
Tye Crawford
Claudia Morris
Tremaine Niki
Georgia Guetaya

Literacy Awards
Kiana Darley-Jewell
Allyssa Charlton
James Quince
Caleb Griffiths
Theo Burton
Sean Jacobsen
Theresa King
Nicholas Quince
Audrey Putland
Zeke Carter
Jack Lanyon
Chloe Jacobsen
Dallas Luck
Chelsea Warner
Lincoln Rushby
Tobias Power
Peter Grosse

AWARDS

Principal’s Award Winners
Neisha Buswell & Jay Williams

Birthdays
Tameeka Aveyard

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

Questacon Science Circus -
Tuesday 25 March, 5 pm–8 pm
Bolton Park Sports Stadium, Morgan St, Wagga Wagga. The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. Spectacular science shows are presented regularly during opening hours. Science toys are for sale from our shop. Admission: Adult $6, Students/Concession $5, Family $18, Children under 5 FREE. Payment is cash only and children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

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