A message from our Principal

Close the Gap awareness event
A successful concert and morning tea was held last Thursday to promote awareness of the Close the Gap campaign which aims to achieve health equality for our Indigenous Australians. Community members were invited to have morning tea after the presentations and browse through information stalls from community agencies. It was a fantastic day to host a community event with such significance. Thank you to Louise Niki our Aboriginal Education Officer for her organisation.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Thank you to those parents and community members who attended our P&C meeting last Tuesday evening. The P&C is the body which represents our parents and community and I would encourage more to come along and get involved.

Congratulations to the elected office bearers for the 2014 school year:

President- Shannon Niki
Vice President- Amy Phillips
Secretary- Kara Fellows
Treasurer- Megan Foster

Our P&C welcomes new members and appreciates any parents that can help at fundraising events. The P&C will be holding an Easter Mufti Day this Friday 28 March for students to donate Easter chocolates for the Easter raffle. Tickets are provided with this Bulletin.

School Photos tomorrow
Wednesday 26 March
Please ensure all children are in full school uniform. Black school shoes are preferable.

To Dream. To Inspire. To Succeed.
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”  
Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

Messages for our parents

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.

Swimming Carnival Presentation
Next Monday morning from 9.30am, students will be receiving their ribbons from our swimming carnival. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School
There has been a fantastic response to the music lessons that have been offered to our students. A reserve list has been started for students returning their Expression of Interest notes. The only way to secure your child’s place is to pay by the end of term. For those parents that have returned permission notes but are yet to pay, they will receive a phone call in the last week of school to ensure they are still interested. Payment in full must be received by the end of term (no exceptions). If not, your place will be offered to the next on the reserve list.

Important Dates

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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-Saens 'Carnival of The Animals'. All places are full and no more payments will be accepted.

Moving into Year 7 in 2015.
These booklets need to be completed and returned to school to enable all information regarding placements for next year to be forwarded to the relevant high schools.

NAPLAN 2014 for Year 3 and 5
Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 have received an updated information letter regarding the upcoming national assessment. Parents may wish to consider an exemption or withdrawal of their child. More information is provided in the letter. If you wish to discuss these options, you need to consult Mrs Whyte.

Football Success
Trent Barrett Shield – Rugby League
Last Tuesday, our Stage 2 Trent Barrett Shield team travelled to Paramore Park to compete against the best in the Wagga Region. Drawn into Pool One there was some stiff competition. Our first game was against Forest Hill. T.J opened the scoring with a blistering try and we ran on to win 16 to 0. It was a much tougher assignment against Sturt Public, but again we were victorious 20 to 16. In the final we were matched against South Wagga. Ashmont opened the scoring with a blistering try to Logan Marlow. South Wagga bounced back in the second half with an equalizer. But moments later, Logan ran over for another four pointer! The score: Ashmont 8 defeated South Wagga 4. Our players' player of the day was Ebony Warner. Congratulations to the team who now goes on to the zone knockout on Thursday 10th April.

A big thanks to Supercoach Peter Little for all the work he puts into training our teams and to all parents who showed up and supported and helped from the sidelines.

Great effort Ashmont!

Gymnastics Term 2
Students in years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to participate in an 8 week gymnastics program commencing in Week 2 next term. The cost is $4.50 or $36.00 for the term. Permission note and payment needs to be made prior to your child attending. This program is part of our school sports program and all children are expected to attend.

Riverina Kids Therapy
Riverina Kids Therapy is an occupational therapy service devoted to improving the relationships, abilities and learning of children of all ages. Occupational Therapy (OT) focuses on how children perform in their everyday activities. These activities can range from how they attend in class, self care such as dressing, and how they interact with other children. Occupational Therapy promotes skill development in many areas, such as fine motor skills (handwriting, using scissors), motor planning (following steps to complete a task), and how they process information to learn. We value the child’s team, and believe as a team we can make wonderful gains. The team can include parents and guardians, teachers, school support workers, and healthcare professionals. At Riverina Kids Therapy we are here to help, and are listening! Please let us know if you have any questions about your child’s skills or development.

Literacy News
Spelling
We are having our spelling tests this week! We will let you know how we go.

Handwriting
Our handwriting test is next week and we are busy practising.

Kindergarten: My name is _____________________.

Stage 1: Ashmont School Song
Ashmont School we sing with pride,  
As we let honour be our guide.  
In Wagga’s west we proudly live,  
As we strive to learn, our best we give.

Stage 2: Namatjira
Aboriginal man, you walked with pride,  
And painted with joy the countryside.  
Original man, your fame grew fast,  
Men pointed you out as you went past.

Please encourage your child to practise at home before next week’s assessment.
**AWARDS**

**Merit Awards**
- **KR** - Tye Honeysett
- **K/1B** - Leah Little
- **1J** - Aleetah Thackeray
- **1/2G** - Brandon Lawton
- **2P** - Annabell Wakefield

**Blinkie Bill Awards**
- **KR** - Blake Easton-McKenzie
- **K/1B** - Preston McKenzie
- **1J** - Destiny Pitts
- **1/2G** - Cheyanne Reid
- **2P** - Melodie Warner

**Birthdays**
- Leiland Allen

**English Awards**
- Annalyse Norville
- Hayley Stevenson
- Malachi Simpson-Murray
- Jay Moore

**Principal’s Award**

**Winners**

**Tamara Crampton & Toriana Honeysett**

**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm

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**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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**Dear Parents,**

A reminder that Ashmont IGA have a School Hours Policy stating that “School age children need to be accompanied by an adult during school hours”.

Ashmont IGA supports our school by donating their Community Chest money to us as they value education.

The management & staff appreciate your support.

Thank you.