School Photos
Our school photos were taken last week. I wish to thank parents for sending their child in black shoes and full school uniform. The children looked fantastic! If you are going to replace school shoes this year, parents are reminded that students should be wearing black shoes as part of our school uniform policy.

Welfare Assembly
To acknowledge our students positive behaviour and excellent attendance, a special assembly will be held next Wednesday 9 at 9.30am in our hall. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual parade will be held next Thursday 10 at 10.00am. We are hoping to hold the parade outside if weather permits. Students are requested to make their Easter hats at home with support from parents. The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn at the event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Cross Country
Please remember to return your permission notes and money. Cross Country is on Friday 2 May. This is the first week back in Term 2.

Drop offs and pick ups
Parents are reminded to refrain from smoking out the front of the school grounds. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.
“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.”

Mary Schmich

Messages for our parents

Athletics Carnival Ribbons Presentation
Students will receive their ribbons from the Athletics Carnival that was held earlier in the term at Monday’s assembly in the hall from 9.15am. Parents 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 1. For those parents who 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.

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.

Important Dates

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Canteen Roster

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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.
Information from these booklets has been sent to the relevant High Schools. If you are yet to return your form, please complete and return as soon as possible.

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.

NOTE: If you are interested in any of these groups and would like to know more please call Relationships Australia on 02 6923 9100

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.

The simplest way to bust hunger after school
Try these great veggie filled recipes that will top up their tank until dinner time.

Speedy Pizza
A wholegrain English muffin with tomato, corn, capsicum and reduced fat grilled cheese.

Fast Toasty Fingers
A slice of wholegrain toast cut into soldiers served with ‘reduced salt’ or ‘no added salt’ baked beans.

Veggie Kebabs
Kebab skewers with reduced fat cheese, cherry tomatoes & cucumber slices.

Macho Nachos
Corn tortillas and sprinkle with quartered cherry tomatoes, kidney beans and reduced fat cheese. Bake in oven for 15 minutes and serve with mashed avocado.

Non-Violent Resistance – A Group for Parents
Be supported to help your children, help yourselves and improve the quality of all family relationships.
NVR is a 10 session program to help parents address challenging behaviour from children and adolescents. The program will support parents to lead, influence and protect their children in a way that reflects their love and care. Parents will finish the program with a greater sense of control over what is happening in their household.

Starting April 2014

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Literacy News

Spelling
Our spelling tests are going home this week so you all have something to look forward to! Please congratulate your children for the improvements they have made and encourage them to keep learning the words they still don’t know.

We have noticed a tricky family of words for our children to practice.

OUGHT
bought   brought
fought    thought

Handwriting
This week we are assessing our handwriting. Next week we will let you know who the best writers in each class are. That will be exciting!
Class Merit Awards
Keneisha Little-Keames
Amalee Wilson
Braydan Williams
Jandamarra Pitts
Tremaine Niki
Georgia Guetaya
Jamaal Pitts
Jeremiah Fonua
Trevor Simpson-Murray
Tobias Power
Ryan Kirby
Kallan Wilson
Cailey Honeysett
Jeraldine Layweh
Jasper Liam
Damon Leverton
Brodie Warner-Chilstone
Xander Conway
Taya Wishart

AWARDS

Principal's Award Winners
Honey Sarich & Jamahl Pitts

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

Birthday
Jay Williams
Makayla Van Der Meer
Shontara Williams

Literacy Awards
Montana Davies
Shakira Williams
Clarese Simpson
Theo Burton
Kodi Lyons
Tamara Crampton
Maddison Lawton
Shontara Williams
Rhys Warhurst
Leeroy Fangalahi

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.

Gambling stressing you out?
Then pick up the phone 📞
Have a chat with Julie ☎️ or a yarn with Marg
Ph: 0408485207 Ph: 0477399259

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