A message from our Principal

**NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5**
The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy, began today. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Students will be participating in the national tests Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 14 May. Please ensure your child is at school on time. A special breakfast will be provided for students in these years each morning.

**Combined Schools Band Performance**
Last Friday our school community had the privilege to host and enjoy a performance from students across Riverina schools. The students attended a week long band camp and showcased their talents. Our students and visitors from our community were enthralled and thoroughly entertained by the free concert.

**P&C Mother’s Day Stall**
A successful Mother’s Day stall was held last week by our P&C. Thank you for the support from parents to make this fundraiser a success. I hope all our mums were spoilt and enjoyed the day in the sunshine. Happy Mother’s Day!

**National Data Collection**
Parents received a note today to share with you information about the upcoming data collection for students with a disability that will be undertaken this year. These data will provide the government information about the support needed for our students. Please contact Mrs Whyte if you have any further questions.

Can you sew? Do you have a sewing machine?
Sewers are needed to help make dance costumes for our Riverina Dance performance. If you can help, please contact Mrs Peel or Mrs Whyte.
“It is vital that when educating children’s brains that we do not neglect to educate their hearts.”

Dalai Lama

District Cross Country
Students received their ribbons at our Monday morning assembly for their efforts in our school cross country event. Students who placed in the top four of each age group have received an invitation to attend the District Cross Country Event to be held next Monday 19 May at Ladysmith. Please ensure notes are returned by this Friday.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Our school will be hosting a morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The morning tea will be held on Friday 23 May in the staffroom at 11.15am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Donations over $2 are tax refundable. We hope to see you there!

Riverina Dance Festival
Tickets have gone on sale for the upcoming festival on 20 June. Tickets can be purchased from the Civic Centre booking office. Tickets cost $25 adult, $20 concession and $15 for a child. Please ensure you purchase your tickets in some haste if you wish to go as they sell out very quickly.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Our annual Canberra excursion is on Friday 16 May. Please ensure permission note and money are returned promptly as there is only a limited number of spaces and you don’t want to miss out!

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Canteen Roster

Wednesday - T. Bennett
Thursday - T. Bennett
Friday - K. Wamer
Monday - D Tootell
Tuesday - K Wamer / A Phillips
Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015
Parents of students in Year 4 have received a letter today inviting interested parents to apply for placement next year for their child. Parents need to complete the application online by Friday 16 May at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. If parents have further questions please contact Mrs Whyte.

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’. There may be places available as there are students who will be attending the Canberra excursion.

Aboriginal Education
Parents and community members are invited to join a team to plan and coordinate events for the implementation of Aboriginal perspectives in our school. Our next meeting will be next Monday at 2.30pm in our community centre.

Mortimer Shield
On Tuesday 20th May, Ashmont Primary is sending two boys Rugby League teams and one girls Oztag team to compete in the Mortimer Shield. The bus will leave the school at 9.30am and return to school at 2.30pm. All students who wish to participate are to return notes to the office this week.

The Mortimer Shield is a great opportunity to showcase our school’s sporting abilities before they attend High School.
Mr Millman will be coaching the girls Oztag side and supercoach Peter Little, fresh from his success in the Trent Barrett Cup, is keen for another strong performance from our Ashmont students.

Paul Kelly Cup
On Friday 23rd May, Stage 3 students will be competing in the Paul Kelly Cup at Bolton Park in Wagga. The bus will leave the school at 9am and return 2.30pm.

The Paul Kelly Cup provides the opportunity for Stage 3 students to network with students from other schools whom they might meet at High School.
Mr Millman is the super coach for the day and it is great to see we have a mix of both girls and boys participating. All the best to the team on the day.

Literacy News
Perhaps you have noticed children reciting poetry at home. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 are learning “The Adventures of Isabel’ by Ogden Nash and Stages 2 & 3 are learning “Old Man Platypus’ by Banjo Patterson. They are developing their memories. Please help them learn the poems. Teachers have copies of the poems. For handwriting they are practising writing the first verses. Please encourage your child to practise their handwriting. Kindergarten are also practising writing I go to school.

Celebrations
Congratulations to our best spellers

Music Stars
The Music Stars program commenced today in our Community Centre. Keyboard lessons will be on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am-11.00am. Guitar lessons will be on Wednesday from 12.00pm-1.30pm.
Canteen Mufti Day
We will be having a mufti day on Friday 30 May. All students are allowed to wear mufti on the day in return for a donation to the canteen.

KR, KB/1, 1J - Homebrand bagged cake, jelly, beetroot, tomato sauce, chicken noodles 5pk.
1/2G, 2P, 3P - paper towel, napkins, aluminium foil, chicken noodles 5pk, tinned fruit salad, beetroot.
3/4L, 4m - dishwashing liquid, teaspoons, Homebrand freezer bags small, bbq sauce, Homebrand bagged cake mix choc or vanilla.
5T, 6D, 6W - jelly, chicken noodles 5pk, icing sugar, tin fruit salad, Homebrand bagged cake mix choc or vanilla.

The Deep: Tuesday 6th May
On Tuesday 6th May Stage 3 was invited to attend a production called The Deep. The play was based on a girl who was scared of the deep. In my opinion the point of the play is to show that everyone has a fear and if you try you will overcome your fear. I loved the humour, realism and props that were used.

John Orr

Last Tuesday on the 6th May Stage 3 was invited to attend a production which was called The Deep. The film was based on a girl who was afraid of the deep, she loved building sand castles on the beach. In my opinion it was fantastic. It was set out on the stage really well.

Kiana Darley-Jewell

Gymnastics Term 2
The Gymnastics program for Stage 2 and Stage 3 has commenced. It is important that ALL STUDENTS return the note to indicate if they will be attending.

Principal Award Winners
Destiny Pitts & Kodi Lyons

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

Active After School Sport
Lawn Bowls - Tuesdays
Golf - Thursdays
3:15 -4:15pm
Limited places available - See Office

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40,000 Books! Don’t miss it! The Rotary Club of Wagga Book Fair
Saturday 17 May, 8am – 5pm and Sunday 18 May, 9am – 4pm
Kyeamba Smith Hall – Wagga showground
Huge categorised stock, Fiction & non Fiction, Big range of books for Children & Youth, CD’s, DVD’s, sheet music, Magazines & Reference
Realistic Prices - Bring a carry bag
Entry: Adults $2, Children free
Barbeque in action all weekend