Reconciliation Week
Each year from 27 May to 3 June, National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. The week-long celebration is an ideal opportunity for all Australians to explore ways to join the national reconciliation effort.

Our school will be celebrating this week. Every class will learn about the significance of this event and we invite parents to discuss with their children the importance of the event. Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships among all Australians, enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a sense of fairness.

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
We are heading to Sydney for our big Stage 3 excursion this year. During this excursion, the students will have the opportunities to visit some Sydney highlights, including: Sydney Olympic Swimming Pool, Manly Beach, Taronga Zoo, Harbour Ferries, Imax Theatre, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House and more!

Students have received permission notes today. We are suggesting a payment schedule for a manageable payment routine, however paying in full is also accepted. We will also accept whatever payment routine is most convenient to you. We are strictly limiting the places to 40 students. Please return your permission note and $50 deposit to secure your child’s place.

Canteen Mufti Day
Friday 30 May
See back page for details.
“Tolerance only for those who agree with you is no tolerance at all.”
Ray Davis

Messages for our parents

Science Day- Free
Our school will be hosting a Science Day this Thursday. CSIRO will be conducting a free Force & Movement Show for all K-6 students. Classes will also rotate throughout the day experiencing hands-on and engaging activities to promote a love of science and learning.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Our school held a morning tea last Friday to support The Cancer Council. Thank you to all who supported a worthy charity and made a plate of food.

Student Reports Changes
Student reports are in the process of being written by classroom teachers. There will be a new format for our reports this semester. Our P&C have approved the changes. It is our hope that the new format will provide more comprehensive information of your child’s progress and future directions. Also, the template meets all Departmental requirements.

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. The cost of tickets is $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.
Ashmont Public School

Term 2, Week 2

Sports Reports

PSSA Soccer Round 1 K/O Report
Last Thursday May 22, our Ashmont soccer team played Sturt P.S in round 1 of the PSSA Knock Out at the Duke of Kent Oval. It was an exciting first half with Ashmont leading off with a goal scored by Tyson Gibbons. This was soon followed up with Sturt scoring so we went into half time with a 1-1 draw.

During the second half our team was well matched by a fast opposition. Following another great effort by our centres and forwards, Yestin Hall centred the ball and it was deftly finished with a shot by Brodie Warner-Chilstone. Unfortunately, Sturt also scored another three goals so the score at the final whistle was 4 - 2 in Sturt’s favour.

Despite losing 4-2 our team, including young Ebony Warner-Chilstone in goal, worked tirelessly in defence and attack. Our defenders and team goalie, Ebony, also showed lots of skills, stamina and determination right to the final whistle. Well done everybody as you not only displayed great team skills but also showed good sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to accompany you.

Many thanks to a few parents once again for your assistance with transport and support.

Mrs Jaques.

Mortimer Shield & OzTag

Through teamwork both teams showed tremendous improvement over the course of the day with the Mortimer Shield team narrowly missing out on making the semifinals. Both sides displayed the school’s four core values over the course of the day and at all stages of their respective games, played with both pride and sportsmanship.

Paul Kelly Cup

Even though undermanned, as we only had 12 boys and no reserves, the boys played tirelessly all day, again displaying the school’s four core values through some difficult challenging situations. Sportmanship came to the fore when the boys gave three cheers to both Lake Albert and Holy Trinity, and were the first to shake the opposition’s hands.

Literacy News

Have you heard that Stage 1 classes (1J, 1/2G, 2P) are having a 10 minute Writing Blitz every day. They have been writing about dogs and elephants this week. We have lots of teachers in the room at Writing Blitz time to help the students. We can already see a great improvement.

This is Wilfred’s story from 2P about a dog who could play football.

One late Monday Ben went to the park.
He saw Rex the bulldog. He had a ball because he was a special dog. I was surprised. He was wearing a shirt and it said ‘Bull’. He wasn’t barking or wagging his tail.

Wilfred

This is Tysin’s story from 1J about an elephant.

The elephant was going to get a drink at the river. Then a crocodile jumped up and hurt it.

Tysin

This is Jerchana’s story from 1/2G about an elephant.

The elephant’s name was Ben. The baby’s name was Brittany. They went down to the river. Suddenly they saw a crocodile. The baby was hiding behind her mum’s leg and she was scared.

Jerchana
**NSW Riverina Schools Program**

**FREE, FRESH & FIT**

Aim: To educate students in Year 5 on the health effects of smoking, second-hand smoke & peer pressure using interactive activities & to promote a healthy & active lifestyle through healthy food choices & physical activity.

CLOSING THE GAP = tackling Indigenous chronic diseases. Presenter: Sharon Hately (Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service)

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**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.

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**Biodiversity Workshops**

Next Monday and Tuesday Stages 2 and 3 will be involved in Biodiversity workshops. They will be presented by Alice Kent, the Environmental Education Officer at Wagga Wagga City Council.

Biodiversity is the term used to describe the variety of life found on Earth. These workshops will focus on biodiversity in our ecosystems. They will encourage students to investigate the relationships between living things and their environment.

There are few things as beautiful and inspiring as the diversity of life that exists on our Earth.

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**Canteen News**

Pie Drive orders and money are due back this Thursday 29 May. Pick up after 11am Thursday 5 June at canteen.

Large sausage rolls - $3.00

Every Wednesday meal deal - toasted cheese sandwich + fruit box $2.50

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**Principal Award Winners**

**Emily Ross & Khye Brady**

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**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm