Student Reports and Parent Interviews
Parents will be invited to attend an interview with their child’s class teacher during the last two weeks of this term from 16-27 June. At this time, parents will receive their child’s report and have the opportunity to discuss their child’s learning progress and future directions. Please ensure interview slips are returned promptly.

Student Reports- A new format
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.

Parent Support
The success and engagement of students is directly affected by the relationships between our school and families have. It is imperative that current contact details are provided to the school so open and timely communication can happen. Classroom teachers and executive staff regularly contact parents when support is needed. This is an opportunity to discuss concerns and work together to support the child. Our core business is students learning, and at times behaviour can hinder student progress. It is important that we all work in partnership to ensure student success in learning and social situations.

Date changed
PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday 13 June
Jubilee Park
“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.”

Dr Seuss

Messages for our parents

**Music Stars**
Guitar and keyboard lessons will be continued in Term 3. Those students who are currently participating will be given the first opportunity to continue next term. The cost will be $50 and payment will need to be returned to the school by the end of Term 2. Students participating this term will receive a letter next week to return to school indicating whether or not they wish to continue lessons. If places become available students on the reserve list will be given first option.

**Canteen Pie Drive**
Thank you to our school community for supporting our Canteen in fundraising in the recent Pie Drive. The Canteen is a P&C operated service for students, run mostly by volunteers, and it is important that we all contribute to the ongoing success. Your support is truly appreciated.

**K-2 Excursion**
Last Wednesday some lucky K-2 children went to a performance at the Civic Theatre. A lot of fun was had by us all as the children cheered for the heroes and booded the bad guys. The actors took on several roles and the play even included puppeteers. It was a lovely story from the Tiki people from the Bathurst Island tribes, of good versus evil, where of course good triumphed.

Important Dates

- PSSA Athletics Carnival: 13 June
- Trent Barrett: 16 June
- MAHS Year 6 Taster Day: 18 June
- Parent Interviews: 16-27 June
- Last day of term 2: 27 June
- Riverina Dance Festival: 20 June
- P&C Masters BBQ: 12 July
- Students return for term 3: 15 July
- Life Education: 21-24 July

Canteen Roster

- Wednesday – T. Bennett
- Thursday – T. Bennett
- Friday – K. Warner
- Monday – D Tootell
- Tuesday – K.Warner / A Phillips
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 on the top behaviour levels have already received their permission notes. 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.

Child Protection

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in mandatory Child Protection education this term and next. Child protection education aims to assist students to develop skills in:
• recognising and responding to unsafe situations
• seeking assistance effectively
• establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

If you have any concerns in regards to this program please contact Tanya Whyte.

Kinder Occupational Therapy

We would like to let all of our kindergarten parents know that we have obtained the services of an Occupational Therapist to assist our kindergarten students to reach their full potential at school.

Occupational therapy aims to promote optimal function, independence and productivity for our kindergarten pupils as they begin to develop various academic skills for the first time. This is achieved through skill development activities, sensory processing strategies, and maintaining an environment which promotes learning.

Our Occupational Therapist is being supplied by Riverina Kids Therapy and will be at the school each Friday for the rest of the current term. All students in the kindergarten rooms will benefit from the service provided. The Occupational Therapist will be working with individual students and students in small groups. If you have any questions about this support please discuss with your teacher.

Literacy News

Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been learning ‘The Adventures of Isabel’ by Ogden Nash. Here is a copy of the whole poem. We think you will be surprised how well our students have memorized the poem! Well done Ashmont.

Adventures of Isabel

Isabel met an enormous bear;  
Isabel, Isabel, didn't care;  
The bear was hungry, the bear was ravenous,  
The bear's big mouth was cruel and cavernous.  
The bear said, Isabel, glad to meet you,  
How do, Isabel, now I'll eat you!  
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry.  
Isabel didn't scream or scurry.  
She washed her hands and she straightened her hair up,  
Then Isabel quietly ate the bear up.

Once in a night as black as pitch  
Isabel met a wicked old witch.  
The witch's face was cross and wrinkled,  
The witch's gums with teeth were sprinkled.  
Ho, ho, Isabel! The old witch crowed,  
I'll turn you into an ugly toad!  
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry,  
Isabel didn't scream or scurry,  
She showed no rage and she showed no rancor,  
But she turned the witch into milk and drank her.

Isabel met a hideous giant,  
Isabel continued self reliant.  
The giant was hairy, the giant was horrid,  
He had one eye in the middle of his forehead.  
Good morning, Isabel, the giant said,  
I'll grind your bones to make my bread.  
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry,  
Isabel didn't scream or scurry.  
She nibbled the zwieback that she always fed off,  
And when it was gone, she cut the giant's head off.

Isabel met a troublesome doctor,  
He punched and he poked till he really shocked her.  
The doctor's talk was of coughs and chills  
And the doctor's satchel bulged with pills.  
The doctor said unto Isabel,  
Swallow this, it will make you well.  
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry,  
Isabel didn't scream or scurry,  
She took those pills from the pill concocter,  
And Isabel calmly cured the doctor.

by Ogden Nash

Last week!

This is the last week for our students to practise their spelling lists and handwriting. Next week we will be having the term spelling and handwriting assessments. Thank you Parents/Grandparents for helping our students improve their literacy skills.
Royal Far West has a small number of vacancies in their next camp which is for children aged 5, 6 & 7 years who have high functioning Autism and no Intellectual Disability. The camp which will be held at Manly during the school holidays from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July is for family groups and will involve group skills building sessions for the children with Autism, parent information sessions, information and discussion sessions for the siblings and a number of recreational group activities. Accommodation, meals, information sessions and activities are all free but families will need to provide their own transport to and from Manly. If you are interested in attending this camp or want more information please contact Jane Westley on 8966 8530 or email janew@royalfarwest.org.au

Wagga Local AECG

Dear Members, Community, Schools and Potential Members

The Wagga Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, next meeting for 2014 will be held on Thursday the 17th June.

The Wagga Local AECG welcomes all new members for 2014.

We encourage Elders, Parents, Educators and the local Wagga Wagga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to participate as equal partners in decision making for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education & Training in 2014.

DATE: Thursday 19th June
WHERE: Ashmont Public School
TIME: 3.45-4.30 General Community Meeting
4.30-5.30 Closed Members Meeting

All agenda items need to be emailed to the secretary two days prior to the general meetings on Kellie.Murray@thesmithfamily.com.au

For further information please contact Judy Solomon President Wagga Local AECG on 69252481 or by email on Bremer, Sean <Sean.Bremer1@det.nsw.edu.au>

Principal Award Winners

Chelsea Warner-Chilstone & Sarah Parker

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm