Best wishes to our Riverina Dance Group who will be performing at the Civic Centre this Thursday and Friday. 

Break a leg!

Placement in Year 7 2015 forms need to be returned to the office.

A message from our Principal

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.

5T Reports and Interviews
Students in 5T will be receiving their student reports as soon as they are finalised. This may be the end of this term or early next term due to Mrs Thurling being ill. Mrs Thurling will be conducting parent/teacher interviews next term and parents will be notified accordingly. We appreciate your understanding.

Year 6 Taster Day at Mount Austin High School
Students have received permission notes to attend a Taster Day tomorrow. Students will participate in gymnastics prior to leaving for MAHS at 11.40am. Students will then return to school by 3.00pm.

Stage 1 Gymnastics
Students in 1J, 1/2G and 2P will receive notes to participate in the school gymnastics program commencing Wednesday 23 July. The program will run for eight weeks and cost $4.50 each week or $36.00. Parents can pay weekly or the full amount. Please ensure permission notes are returned promptly.


**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.

**Riverina Representatives**
Congratulations to all our competitors at the District Athletics on Friday. It was very wet and muddy but our kids tried their very best regardless. By the end of the day, we had some very muddy athletes! A special congratulation goes to Alyssa Charlton, Montana Davies and Yestin Hall, who will be representing the Wagga Wagga district at the Riverina Regional PSSA Athletics in Albury. We wish them all the best in their events.

**Trent Barrett Shield**
Our Stage 2 boys and girls represented our school with pride yesterday. The team drew the first game with Lake Albert and lost the next two games. It was a great effort and all should be congratulated for their sportsmanship and teamwork.

**Messages for our parents**

**Important Dates**

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**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 leaming.

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**

This is Spelling Testing Week! We hope you have been practising at home as well as at school. Who will receive a 100% certificate and come to the 100% party? We will also be giving out certificates for those who have improved.

Also we have the ‘Handwriting Assessment’ this week. A certificate in each class will be given to the ‘Best Writer’ and a certificate to ‘The Most Improved’! Improvement certificates will be given to those who have improved since the Pre-Test in Week 1 this term. Parents/Guardians please encourage your children to do their best!

**Thank You**

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

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**Northcott Literary Dinner**

Acclaimed Australian actor and media personality Lex Marinos will be guest author at the Northcott Fundraising Committee’s Literary Dinner to be held at the Commercial Club, Wagga Wagga on Friday, 4 July, commencing at 6.30 pm when he will present his first book, "Blood and Circuses - An Irresponsible Memoir". Lex Marinos was born in Wagga and the saying "local boy makes good" certainly applies to him.

A wry and charming story of a young Greek Australian boy whose family ran a cafe in Wagga in the 1950s and who had dreams of making his life in the theatre, this is a beautifully written account of a life lived to the full.

The flyer for this literary dinner is attached and it would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly promote the function in your school's newsletter and display it on your staff notice boards as we are a not for profit organisation and all proceeds from the event go towards the support of people with disabilities in the Riverina.

Tickets for a chance to meet the author and purchase a signed book, mingle with friends and enjoy a convivial meal are $50.00 and are available at Collins Booksellers, Wagga Wagga. Ph. 69218933.

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**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 19th 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>**

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**Annual Refugee Week Community Celebration & Family Event**

**When:** Saturday 21 June from 11.30am - 3.30pm

**Where:** Henschke Primary School, Wagga Wagga

**What’s on for free:** Rides, Farm Animal Display, Pony Rides, Stalls, BBQ, Face painting, Activities for kids and Cultural Performances from 1pm!

Bring your family and join in the fun!!

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**Principal Award Winners**

Amelia Phillips & Kirat Metta

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**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm