Welcome back for a busy Term 3!
I trust that everyone had a very relaxing and restful winter break. This term is very busy and I encourage parents to keep watch for upcoming events. Following is a brief outline of significant events and costs:

- Swimming Year 1-6, cost $40 or $5 each week commencing Friday 25 July.
- Life Education- Healthy Harold K-6, cost $2 21-24 July
- Education Week 28 July- 1 August, School dance and choir performances at the Marketplace Monday 28 July (free)
- Circus Quirkus- K-2, free and invitation only 21 July
- Stage 1 gymnastics $36 or $4.50 each week commencing 23 July.
- WWHS Dance Concert Years 3-6, cost gold coin donation, 29 July
- Musica Viva - 3 Sept - no cost

Hopefully this information will help parents budget for upcoming events this term. If parents need support they need to discuss this with Mrs Whyte.

6D Class organisation
Mr Simon Millman will remain as the classroom teacher for the remainder of the year. Mr Millman has enjoyed his time on 6D and has developed strong relationships and work ethic within the classroom. For consistency, it is in the best interests of the class to continue to have Mr Millman. Mrs Dutton has made a very speedy recovery and hopefully will return to school very soon. We appreciate all the well wishes received from our families and friends for her recovery.
“I do not fail. I succeed in finding out what does not work.”

— Thomas Edison

**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. All students will continue to have lessons for the first two weeks that participated in Term 2. If places become available students on the reserve list will be given first option.

**Junior Choir**

This Semester, Stage Two will have the opportunity to be part of the Junior Choir. Auditions will be held this week with Mrs Peel, who is looking forward to a large turn-out of Year 3 and Year 4 students. The choir will perform at the upcoming Education Week performances at the Wagga Marketplace as well as many other performances.

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**Important Dates**

- Students return for Term 3: 15 July
- Tony Lockett: 17 July
- PSSA Boys Hockey: 17 July
- Circus Quirkus K-2: 21 July
- P&C Meeting: 22 July
- Life Education K-6: 21-24 July
- Education Week: 28 July-1 August
- WWHS Dance Concert 3-6: 29 July
- SRC Jeans for Genes Day: 1 August
- Riverina PSSA: 4 August
- Musica Viva: 3 Sept
- Learning Journeys: 8 - 12 Sept

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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.

Wagga Wagga High School Dance Performance
On Tuesday, 29th July, Wagga Wagga High School will present their annual ‘Dance Spectacular’. Stage Two and Three are invited to attend. To reserve your child’s place at the show, you will need to return the permission note that has been sent home with this bulletin. There are 56 seats reserved for Ashmont PS students and these places will fill fast. Please provide your child with a gold coin donation on the day to ensure their entry to the show.

Musica Viva
On 3rd September, Musica Viva group ‘Tigramuna’ will be attending our school for a music performance titled ‘Sailing the Sounds of South America’. The music will form the majority of the school’s music program this term and will be taught in detail to the children in preparation for the performance. All children will be attending. The cost will be covered by the school as it is part of our curriculum.

Literacy News
Congratulations to everyone who improved their handwriting in Term 2. The best and most improved in each class were:

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Active After Schools Program
Active After School Communities is once again offered at Ashmont. This term’s sports are tennis on Tuesdays and cricket on Thursdays. As before they will run in a 7 weeks program, with the last session of cricket planned to be played at Jubilee Park in an inter-communities competition. Both sports are opened to K - 6. If you have previously had students participating in AASC, a transition note is required. New participants will be required to complete the full note and the permission to photograph. Both sets of notes are available at the front office. We will be capping the number at 20 students per activity. Students who signed up but did not participate in Term 2 will not be able to participate, to provide opportunities to those who can make the commitment.

Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival
Once again congratulations to Alyssa Charlton, Montana Davies and Yestin Hall, who have been selected to represent the Wagga Wagga district at the regional carnival. Please be aware that since last postponement, the current day and date for the carnival is Monday, 4 August 2014 (Week 4).
Circus Quirkus
Next Monday 50 children will be attending the Circus Quirkus performance. This year it is a day performance so we will be taking those students who received a gold or silver button in Term 1 or Term 2. This is another way we can reward those students who have upheld our school values.

Life Education
Healthy Harold is coming to Ashmont again! This intense life education program provides a short but essential learning program involving personal development and health. By linking this program with the learning program at school, students will have the opportunity to see their school learning in a wider community. You should have received a note by now and please get this in as soon as possible as Harold will be with us in Week 2.