Next week is set to be a busy week. As part of the celebrations, our book fair will coincide with Education Week. Further information about our book fair is included in this Bulletin.

To begin our week, students from our school will be performing at the Marketplace. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Once you have watched our students perform, you can browse our display of student work. Following is an outline of scheduled events and parents are welcome to attend:

Marketplace showcase:
- Monday 28 July
  - 12.00pm Dance Group
  - 12.45pm Junior Choir and K-2 Percussion Group
- Thursday 31 July
  - Chess Challenge 10.00am

Our Open Day will be Thursday 31 August and parents and friends are welcome to attend. Here is an outline:

8.45-9.15am Breakfast (families that purchase a book at during the book fair)
9.30-10.15am Open Classrooms
10.30-11.00am Book Character Parade in the hall
11.00am-11.30am Morning Tea in the staffroom
“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Winston Churchill

BOOK WEEK AT ASHMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK PARADE—Thursday 31 July
The parade starts at 10:30am. All students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character.

BOOK FAIR—Monday - Thursday
There will be a wide variety of books available for sale in the community centre from 3:00pm-3:30pm. Students will be able to view the books before the day during their library lesson to see if there are any they would like to buy.

BREAKFAST—Thursday 31 July 8.45am-9.15am
Children who purchase a book from the book fair will be provided a family voucher to join us for breakfast.

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.

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.

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. The cost will be $50 and payment will need to be returned to the school by Friday 25 July. Students participating this term will already have received a letter 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.

Literacy News
The Painting Lesson
Trevor Harvey

“What’s THAT dear?” asked the new teacher.

“It’s Mummy,” I replied.

“But mums aren’t green and orange! You really haven’t TRIED.
You don’t just paint in SPLODGES
You’re old enough to know - You need to THINK before you work...
Now - have another go.”

She helped me draw two arms and legs, A face with a sickly smile, A rounded body, dark brown hair, A hat - and in a while, She stood back (with her face bright pink)
“That’s SO much better - don’t you think?”

But she turned white At ten to three
When an orange green blob Collected me.

“Hi, Mum!”

Spelling
All students have now had their Term 3 spelling pre-test. We are noticing an improvement in the spelling ability of our students across the school. The lists will come home by Thursday of this week with the errors highlighted in blue. Please help your children learn the words regularly. The lists will be re-tested in Week 8 of this term.

If your child does not bring home a pre-test this week or you would like additional copies, could you please contact your class teacher as soon as possible.

Learning to spell the words on the lists will improve our students’ literacy skills of reading, writing and spelling. The best spellers on the Pre-tests in each year were:

Kindergarten: Leah Little
Year 1: Aleetah Thackeray
Year 2: Sarah Parker
Year 3: Sky Barker
Year 4: Kodi Lyons
Year 5: Libby Cooper
Year 6: Makaela Acker
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