School Evaluations
We need your input! Attached to this week’s Bulletin are three school surveys: Teaching, Creative Arts and Assessment and Reporting. These surveys will give our school valuable insight in future planning for our school.

When a family returns all three surveys their child/ren will receive a Zooper Dooper as a thank you for your support.

Student Learning Journeys
During this term students will be collecting quality work samples from all key learning areas to share with their parents and guests. Guests may include family relations and friends. Students will be leading the session as they celebrate their progress and achievements in their learning. Visitors will be treated to a morning tea. The Learning Journeys will be held during 8-12 September. An invitation will arrive soon!

P&C Movie Night
The P&C will be holding a family movie night at 6.00pm on Thursday 21 August. Tickets are $5 each which includes a sausage sizzle and can of drink. Chocolates and popcorn will also be available for sale. Tickets need to be purchased by Monday 18 August. Please note that parents need to accompany children for supervision. The movie will be Monsters Inc. Bring along your cushions!
“It always seems impossible until it’s done”

Nelson Mandela

Messages for our parents

**Kinder Orientation**
Do you know a child that is starting school next year? If the answer is yes, please let them know about the upcoming parent information session to be held on Wednesday 27 August at 9.30am-11.30am in our school staffroom. We will discuss enrolment procedures, school readiness and our Kinderstart program. Pre-school age children are welcome to visit our Kindergarten classrooms during this time while parents enjoy morning tea.

**School Administration**
Our school is currently changing practices in the way we record late arrivals/early departures, mark student rolls and communicate behaviour incidents with parents.

Details of an incident are recorded in our welfare tracking system and this then generates a letter. Now when a student receives a Green Slip, Parents will receive a letter, rather than the Green Slip, in the mail.

It may take some time to adjust to our new system and remove any glitches. Your understanding is greatly appreciated. It is our aim that our system of communication will be more efficient and you will receive information in a more timely way.

Any concerns or queries can be directed to your classroom teacher or Mrs Whyte.

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**Canteen Roster**

- **Wednesday** - T. Bennett
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- **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!

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.

Stage 1 Gymnastics
Students in 1J, 1/2G and 2P will be participating 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.

Year 1 and 2 Intensive Swimming
Stage 1 students will be invited to participate in the intensive swimming program. The cost will be $40 per student. The program will run for two weeks from Monday 25 August to Friday 5 September. Students will depart each day at 10.30am and return to school by 12.15pm. Please note that students will not be able to order their lunch during this time.

Students will be permitted to wear their swimwear to school but are required to change into their school uniform after swimming. A permission note will be sent home today and full payment needs to be made by Friday 22 August (unless discussed with Mrs Whyte).

Headlice
Headlice are tiny parasitic insects that live in human hair near the scalp. Anyone can get them. Head lice can spread between people who live, work or play together. They crawl and move by direct hair-to-hair contact. When eggs/nits are apparent in the hair it is necessary to obtain the recommended treatment from a chemist. Purchase of a fine tooth steel comb to remove the nits(eggs) is also recommended. After treatment, spraying the hair each morning with tea tree oil in a spray bottle mixed with water will prevent reinfestation. Long hair should be tied back or put in a ponytail.

Maths Competition
As part of Ashmont Public School’s Gifted and Talented program, these children have gained a place in the school team to participate in the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition to be held this week. Congratulations to these students and we wish them well in this prestigious competition.

Year 6: John Orr, Jasper Liam, Amber Morris, Yestin Hall, Charlie Carey, Caleb Griffiths Montana Davies
Reserve: Alyssa Charlton

Year 5: Peter Grosse, Libby Cooper, Lily Corbett Georgia Guetaya, Claudia Morris Luke Quince
Reserves: Terry Orake, Emily Ross

Year 4: Bradley Marshall, Kodi Lyons Jeremiah Fonua, Dylan Wamer Jay Williams, Tiffany Williams
Reserves: Jack Lanyon, Maddison Griffiths

Year 3: Sky Barker, Amelia Phillips Janaya Hayes, Toriama Honeysett Talyssa Hampton, Martha Thompson
Reserves: Honey Sarich, Kallan Wilson

Year 2: Chloe Griffiths, Tyra Lawrence Sarah Parker, Kaelin Lyons Zach Harris, Melodie Warner
Reserve: Joseph Ross

10th Annual Premier’s Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Makaela Acker (Winner Stage 3), Jordan Baker (Runner Up Stage 3), Xander Conway (Winner Stage 2) and Kodi Lyons (Runner up Stage 2) who will represent our school at the Regional Finals to be held at South Wagga School on September 15. Permission notes will be given out when session times are available. Also congratulations to the Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes who were so interested and attentive during the spelling bee.

Uniform
Students are required to wear full school uniform each day. If your child is out of uniform, the parent must write a note explaining the circumstance. Our supply of spare jumpers is very low so if your child has borrowed a jumper from the office, please return it to us washed. Thank you.

Excursions
Please ensure prompt payment for all excursions. If parents need support, please make an appointment to discuss with Mrs Whyte.
A singing success
Libby Cooper was invited to represent our area in the Combined Schools Riverina Choir at the Sydney Opera House last week. It was an amazing opportunity for Libby. Congratulations on your selection.

Principal’s Award Winners
Allilah Prior-Sutton & Caleb Griffiths

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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