A Message from our Principal

**Kinder Orientation**
Do you know a child who is starting school next year? If the answer is yes, please let them know about the upcoming parent information session to be held tomorrow Wednesday 27 August from 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 Evaluations**
We need your input! Attached to last week’s Bulletin were 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.

**P&C Movie Night**

**Change of Date**

6pm Thursday 28 August
Tickets $5

The P&C will be holding a family movie night on Thursday 28 August at 6.00pm in the Learning Centre. 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 Thursday 10.00am. Please note that a parent needs to accompany children for supervision. The movie will be *The Lego Movie.*

Bring along your cushions!
“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do”

John Wooden

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!

Following is the timetable for our Student Learning Journeys:

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Aboriginal Education Meeting
Thank you to all parents who attended yesterday’s meeting. Your input in how we support Aboriginal students and their education is vital. At this meeting, we also discussed future directions for our new school plan. Further meetings will be held and parents are always welcome to attend. Meetings will be advertised in Bulletins.

Important Dates
- MAHS Boys Night Out: Tonight
- Kinder 2015 Orientation: 27 August
- P&C Family Movie Night: 28 August
- Stage 2 Cricket: 1 September
- Stage 3 Cricket: 2 September
- Musica Viva: 3 September
- Kinder Excursion: 4 September
- Canteen Footy Colours Day: 5 September
- Stage 2 AFL: 5 September
- P&C Market Day: 6 September
- Year 6 MAHS Taster Day: 8 September
- Learning Journeys: 8-12 September

Canteen Roster
- Wednesday – T. Bennett
- Thursday – T. Bennett
- Friday – K. Warner
- Monday – D Tootell
- Tuesday – K Warner / A Phillips
**4M Excursion**
On Monday the 4M Learning Machine went on an excursion with Aunty Louise Niki to Charles Sturt University to celebrate NAIDOC week Monday. We had a terrific time, with students participating in four activities. We made johnnie cakes, created loom bands in Indigenous colours, made stress balls (Mr M needed the big one!), and painted a wooden googa (goanna). At the end of our time at CSU, we participated in a smoking ceremony after some rousing words from Aunty Isabelle Reed.

**Year 1 and 2 Intensive Swimming**
Stage 1 students are to participating in the Intensive Swimming Program. The cost is $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 leaving the Oasis at 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. Please see Mrs Whyte if you have concerns about payment.

**Riverina Environmental Education Centre**
All students in Kindergarten will be going on an excursion to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre on Thursday 4 September. The excursion has been planned to supplement the work they have been doing in science investigating living things. Notes have been sent home and the cost is $3.50 which covers the cost of the bus and entry. Please return all notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

**Thank You from 4M**
Special thanks to the parents of 4M Learning Machine students who came and helped out with book covering last Saturday. In attendance were Mel, Kristen, Colleen and Jeff, and it made for a very pleasant afternoon, which we capped off with a sausage sizzle. Many thanks to all for providing such a strong sense of community for our class, and particular thanks to Colleen, who had endured the most trying of mornings beforehand.

**Excursions**
Please ensure prompt payment for all excursions. If parents need support, please make an appointment to discuss with Mrs Whyte.

**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.

**Musica Viva**
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending a Musica Viva concert session in the hall next Wednesday 3 September. Our school will be subsidising the concert as part of the Creative Arts curriculum and there will be no cost to students.

**Stage 1 Gymnastics**
Students in 1J, 1/2G and 2P are currently participating in the school Gymnastics Program. The program costs $4.50 each week for those who have not paid in full.

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**Mount Austin High School**

**Boys Night Out**

**WHEN:** Tuesday August, 26th, 2014
4.30pm – 6.30pm

**WHERE:** Mount Austin High School Hall
Leavenworth Drive, Wagga Wagga,
Ultimate Frisbee games,
Cross-fit Exercises
Dinner is provided free of charge. This Term we will be making hamburgers
Canteen Mufti Day
We will be having a Mufti Day on Friday 5 September. All students are allowed to wear football clothing on the day in return for a donation to the canteen.

KR, KB/1, 1J - Homebrand bagged cake, jelly, beetroot, tomato sauce, chicken noodles 5pk.
1/2G, 2P, 3P - paper towel, napkins, aluminium foil, chicken noodles 5pk, tinned fruit salad, beetroot.
3/4L, 4m - dishwashing liquid, teaspoons, small Homebrand freezer bags small, BBQ sauce, choc or vanilla bagged cake mix.
5T, 6D, 6W - jelly, chicken noodles 5pk, icing sugar, tin fruit salad, choc or vanilla Homebrand bagged cake mix.

P&C News
There are only a few spots left for our photos on the 6 September. Please call 1300 162 856 to make a booking.

The P&C will be holding a Mini Market Day on Saturday 6 September. We want volunteers who are able to help out on the day. We need helpers for our stalls including the BBQ, Fathers’ Day Stall and Lucky Jar. If you are able to help out please call Shannon on 0420 720 237 or Kara on 0467 592 895. If you would like to book a stall for yourself you can pick up an application form from the office at school.

Principal’s Award Winners
Ellora Wolfe & Jumarme Little-Kearnes

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

Free Parent Course
Strategies for Engaging Adolescents. 3 session program
At: Ashmont Community Resource Centre, 42 Tobruk Street, Ashmont.
Mondays 25th August, 1st September & 15th September 2014
Contact: Roanna ~ 69313456 for more information and to register your attendance.
Trainers: Nyssa & Erica from Wagga Family Support Services.
Parenting Skills for resolving adolescents behaviour issues

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