Welcome back!
I hope that all our school community members had a safe and rejuvenating break. Term 4 is set to be a busy term. We have set dates for all major events this term to allow parents to plan to attend. Please ensure you mark these events on your calendar.

Staff
For the first two weeks Mrs Whyte will be engaging in a professional learning opportunity. Mrs Jodi Jones will be Relieving Principal during this time. She will be supported by Mr Simon Millman and Ms Amanda Barratt who will be the Relieving Assistant Principals.

Kindergarten 2016
If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please urge them to contact the school this week to ensure a place in Kinderstart.

You may have noticed that last week we did a letter box drop to all the homes in our school zone. This was a strategy to ensure all parents are aware of our Kinderstart program and encourage them to enrol their child.

Tell Them, From Me Survey
Parents are invited to complete a survey to provide valuable insight into your thoughts and feelings about our school. This information will help us shape the future of our school.

Parents can access the survey via our school website: http://www.ashmont-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
You’re off to great places, 
Today is your day! 
Your mountain is waiting, 
So…. get on your way!

Dr Seuss

Messages for our parents

Family Referral Service External Evaluation

Having a Family Referral Service worker (Stacey Peadon) in our school has allowed our school community members to connect to services to support their families. This has been of great benefit to our families and students.

100 students have been randomly selected to participate in an external review that is being conducted by Charles Sturt University. This review will provide valuable insight into this initiative that has been trialled in our school this year. If you are happy for your child to be interviewed in a small group of students please return the consent form to the office.

Parents that have also accessed the service are also invited to participate in the review. If you are happy to participate, please see Mrs Whyte.

Year 6 Formal and Dinner

The Year 6 dinner will be held at the Commercial Club in the RJ Hall on Thursday 10 December. Time will be 6.30pm till 9.30pm. This room has a side entrance that we can use. The Rules Club is doing renovations so were unable to use this venue.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be on Friday 11 December in the school hall. The assembly will start at 9.30am.

Important Dates

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Proud & Deadly Awards 2015
The awards will be held on Thursday 8th October, our first Thursday back for Term 3. All students who will receive an award will be sent home a permission note and all parents are invited to attend. This year the awards will be held at the Commercial Club in Gurwood St. They are set to start at 1pm with a sausage sizzle at 12:15pm to be held at Wagga Wagga Public School. Mrs McKenzie’s choir will be performing Taba Nuba for the awards.

Stage Two Excursion
On the 13th October, children from Stage Two will visit the Civic Theatre to watch a stage performance of Roald Dahl’s ‘Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts.’

This fast-moving, always surprising show is a celebration of the world’s number one storyteller. Hailed by audiences and critics alike Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts has been described as "flawlessly funny... Beautifully gratifying, clever stuff" (Weekend Notes).

The cost of the excursion is $6.00 and is open to the first thirty children from Stage Two who return their notes. They must be on a positive level to attend. This is an exciting excursion and something the children look forward to seeing.

Amanda Barratt

Year 6 MAHS Testing Days
Term 4 starts off with a ‘bang’ for the senior students of Ashmont Public School, with the Year 6 students heading off to Mount Austin High School (MAHS) twice in the first week. Students who are attending MAHS have been invited to the school to participate in two ‘testing days’ for literacy and numeracy. The tests are designed to show new students how high school procedures work as well as help to facilitate the transition from primary to high school. The two days when students will be going to MAHS are:

Wednesday 7th October, 9:45 – 12:15 for Reading
Friday 9th October, 9:45 – 11:45 for Maths

Wednesday 07/10/2015
9.45 – assemble outside hall
10.00 – complete student details
10.15-11.00 – comprehension testing
Recess 15 minutes – fruit provided
11.30 – complete student details
11.35-12.15 – Vocabulary testing
12.20 – Return to school

Friday 09/10/2015
9.45 – Assemble outside hall
10.00 – Complete student details
10.15-11.10 – Numeracy testing
11.15 – return to school

Term Spelling Tests
Great improvement overall in spelling last term but not enough 100% results! Can we do better this term? Congratulations to these students who worked hard and scored 100% and attended the 100% party on the last day of term.

Emily Hibbs, Paige Saunders, Majentah Lawson, Jett Lyons, C-Jay Phillips, Cooper Prior-Sutton, Cynthia Calorie, Kelsie Clark, Isabella Ingold, Sasha Pascoe, Tylah Barby, Jaylem Honeysett, James Parker, Phoenix Krause, Caleb Keames, Sky Barker, Talyssa Hampton, Tyra Lawrence

Handwriting Assessment Term 3
Well Done Ashmont students! Handwriting Assessments last term showed great improvement. Congratulations to the best and most improved handwriters.

Best
KR: Majentah Lawson
KB: Tamia Kirby
1/2S: Faith James
Jasmine Bames
1J S: Leah Little
2G: Destiny Pitts
3P: Georgia Hampton
3/4M: Chloe Griffiths
Heidi Carter
4/5L: Sky Barker
5H: Maddison Griffiths
6M: Jumame Little-Keames

Most Improved
TeNaera Harbour
Rhys Crampton
Destiny Knight
Martin McKenzie
Shalia Fox
Luke Stubbs
Kiana Boswell
Summer Johnston
Harlem Kennedy
Billie-Jo Heir
Jamaal Pitts
Peter Grosse

English Competition
Congratulations to all students Years 2 - 6 who participated in the English Competition earlier this year. The school did exceptionally well overall. Special congratulations go to these students who received special awards.

Year 2: Tyler Thomsen - Credit
Macey Clark - Merit
Aleetah Thackeray - Merit
Year 3: Chloe Griffiths - Distinction
Joseph Ross - Merit
Year 5: Audrey Putland - Credit
Year 6: Libby Cooper - Distinction
Hannah Eggleton - Merit

The Principal’s Award for the highest score went to Chloe Griffiths in Year 3.
**Stage 2 AFL Gala Day**

On Friday of Week 8, the mighty Stage 2 AFL dragons participated in a gala day. The emphasis was on fun and participation, with no scores recorded on the day. All of our players enjoyed themselves, and were a credit to the school. Particular mention needs to be made of Samuel Griefahn, who was playing only his second ever game. He showed himself to be a talent, and was our best player. Our bravest player was Rahisha King, who was fearless in tackling much bigger boys all day long. Callum Rath won the award for being our most persistent player, and for demonstrating the school’s values throughout the day.

**WIGGLE AND GIGGLE**

a
FREE Playgroup for parents, Carers and Guardians. For children aged 0 - 5

Promoting healthy lifestyle skills, building confidence both parents and children and basic health checks.

**Where?** Tolland Community Centre  
**When?** Starting Monday 12 October  
(Excluding school holidays)  
**Time?** 10:00am - 12.30pm

A FUN and FRIENDLY Environment

For further information contact Tarnie on 69328300  
Transport is available contact Natalie on 69235200

**Limited Stock of Year 6 Shirts**

$25.00 each

**English Competition Award Recipients**

**The Learning Club**

3.30pm - 4.30pm

This is for primary school aged children

**ABC 123**

Facilitated by Intereach (Tarnie), Rivmed (Natalie) and the Smith Family (Robwyn)

Starting from the 13 October  
(Excluding school holidays)

All children are to be signed in by a parent  
Afternoon tea provided  
@The Tolland Community Centre

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