Amended Parent Information Sessions-Meet the Teacher

Sessions will be held this week for parents to attend information sessions. Session times have been changed but all parents should have received a yellow note last Friday correcting the days and times. I apologise for any confusion this has caused.

The sessions offer parents the opportunity to meet their child’s classroom teacher, learn about routines, expectations, excursions, learning focuses and homework. Following are the times and dates for the meetings which will be held in classrooms:

INFANTS
Tuesday 10 February
8.45am - 9.15am - KR and KB
Wednesday 11 February
8.45am - 9.15am - 1JS, 2G, 3P, 3/4M, 4/5L
Thursday 13 February
8.45am - 9.15am - 1/2S

PRIMARY
Wednesday 11 February
8.45am - 9.15am - 3P, 3/4M, 4/5L, and 5W.

6M information session will be conducted at a later date. Parents will be informed as soon as a date is set.

Classes for 2015

Classes for this year have been announced and hopefully finalised for the school year. The census date to submit student numbers is in Week 3 and final class arrangements will be made around this time. There may be adjustments needed depending on our final numbers. If there are any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.
"The biggest failure you can have in life is making the mistake of never trying at all."

Bluearth

Your child/children may have mentioned Bluearth last week. We have a qualified coach working with all classes every fortnight. Year 5 and Year 6 will have a session each week with an emphasis on developing leadership skills and self-confidence.

Bluearth is a movement and activity based program that uses the joy of movement to help children better understand themselves, peers, teachers and the important relationships that exist between them. In an inclusive and fun environment students experience a range of individual, partner and group activities to improve posture, function, self-awareness and mindfulness. This helps build lifelong habits in physical activity and movement that is so important for children’s development, health and wellbeing. With skillful guidance and reflection, amazing results have been achieved.

This program is also designed to develop teacher skills in supporting movement development and well-being of students.

You might also like to visit the Bluearth website www.blueearth.org and look at our parents section for more information and activities for the whole family.

Important Dates

Meet the teacher meetings 9-13 February
Peer Support 19-20 February
Busabout NRMA Bus Safety Program 20 February
AFL visit 24 February
Dental Clinic commences 4 March
Athletics Carnival 6 March
MAHS Boys Night Out 10 March
MAHS Girls Night In 17 March

Canteen Roster

Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday – T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D Tootell
Tuesday – K.Wamer / A Phillips
**Peer Support Excursion**

For Peer Support this year we will be taking the students in Years 5 and 6 to Borambola for a day of team building and leadership activities. This will be held on 19 February, 2015 and the cost is $40. Permission notes have been sent home with last week’s Bulletin. Full payment needs to be received by Friday 13 February. Students are expected to wear full school uniform on this day.

On the Friday 20 February (the day following the excursion), students will continue the Peer Support program at school.

**Infants Assembly**

The weekly Kindergarten to Year 2 assembly will be held each Friday afternoon in the Learning Centre between 2.20 and 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Primary Assembly**

A Primary Assembly for students in Years 3-6 will be held every fortnight commencing this Friday 13 February. This will be held in the school hall between at 2.20pm-3.00pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

**Emergency Contact Details and Medical Information**

It is necessary that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if your child is sick or has had an injury. People often change their mobile phone numbers and it can be challenging to make contact.

Updated medical information is also important for the care of your child. Students who have specific needs such as allergies, medical conditions or other health problems need to alert the school and provide documentation if special care is required. Students with asthma should have a completed Asthma Plan and a copy should be provided to the school. Parents of students needing medication at school are required to supply written directions for administration purposes. The school keeps a record of all medication given to students.

To support you in updating your emergency contact details and medical information for your child please return the slip that was supplied in last week’s Bulletin.

**Dental Clinic for 2015**

The Dental Clinic Program offered to all Ashmont School students by the CSU Dental Clinic will begin this term. It will commence in Week 6 on Wednesday 4 March. The clinic will complete a dental check for each student attending, provide information on dental hygiene and consult with parents or guardians about any required treatment. Forms will be given to each student. If a student is to attend the clinic these forms must be filled in and signed. There are three spaces where forms must be signed by a parent/guardian. Please return these forms to the office.

**Term 1 Student Representative Council (SRC)**

Our class representatives have been elected by their peers. An induction was held yesterday at our morning assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

1JS: Tye Honeysett, Jakaiha -Lee Gordon
1/2S: Martin McKenzie, Faith James
2G: Destiny Pitts, Tyler Thomsen
3P: Brock Neilson, Melodie Warner
3/4M: Heidi Carter, Joseph Ross
4/5L: Kallan Wilson, Zahra Crampton
5W: Ebony Warner, Cain Dedini-Hardman
6M: Georgia Guetaya, Rhys Warhurst

**Swimming Carnival Presentation**

Students received their ribbons for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in swimming events at yesterday’s morning assembly. It was great to see so many students get rewarded for their efforts. Congratulations to all who participated and did their best.

**Black Shoes**

Congratulations Ashmont! We were pleased to see so many black shoes. Remember next time you buy shoes for school please buy black. Our school uniform looks fantastic!

**Years 3 - 6 Boot Camp**

Boot Camp is back. Every morning starting this week.

Boys - Monday and Wednesdays.
Girls - Tuesday and Thursdays.

Friday mornings are for everyone - boys and girls. Please come along and join Peter Little for a great morning full of fun.
**Term Spelling List**

All students should have taken home a list of the Term One Grade spelling words. The pink highlighted words are the words they have spelt correctly. The school would appreciate parents and guardians helping and encouraging our students to learn the words over the next six weeks. Knowing how to read and spell these words will help our students with their reading, writing and spelling. The best pre-test scores in each grade were:

- **Kindergarten:** Jett Lyons and Isabella Ingold
- **Year One:** Leah Little
- **Year Two:** Aleetah Thackeray
- **Year Three:** Talyssa Hampton
- **Year Four:** Talyssa Hampton
- **Year Five:** Kodi Lyons
- **Year Six:** Libby Cooper

If you did not receive the spelling lists please contact your child's class teacher for another copy.

**Holiday Reading**

Congratulations to all our students who read over the holidays. Research shows that if children don't read over the summer break they drop back in their reading levels. K-2 children took home a ‘Holiday Reading Pack’ with books to read. All students K-6 were given a holiday reading log to record their reading efforts. Many children have returned the packs and logs and have received rewards for their efforts. Could you please encourage your child to return the packs of books even if they did not read them? This will allow us to send books home next holidays. Many Thanks.

**Principals Award Winners**

Leah Little & Kodi Lyons

**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm

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**Merit Awards**

- **KB:** Melitta Hampton
- **KR:** C-Jay Phillips
- **1JS:** Blake Easton-McKenzie
- **2G:** Destiny Pitts
- **1/2S:** Mathew Fleming

**Blinky Bill Award**

- **KB:** Sasha Pascoe
- **KR:** Paige Saunders
- **1JS:** Chrislyn Little-Niki
- **2G:** Neisha Buswell
- **1/2S:** Destiny Knight

**Blinky Bill Jnr Award**

Caleb Keames

**National Apology Day**

Friday 13 February
11am - 1pm
A free community event.
Everyone is Welcome
Wagga Wagga City Council
Civic Centre Forecourt
Cnr Baylis and Morrow Streets
Please RSVP: 69269358

**Heal our past - build our future together**